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SLICKERS MAY BE ON SKIDS



EDDIE THOMSON

SAYS DAVID JACK

ARE the Slickers slipping?

Sydney City, the team at unbackable odds to top their division in the National Soccer League, are going through a bad patch and, if it continues, they could even be caught at the winning post.

Almost since the start of the season, Sydney City have looked certainties to top the table.

But even the greatest of teams can come unstuck and this is the secret fear of many Slickers supporters right now.

I still believe Eddie Thomson's excellent team will finish on top but it is possible that their five points advantage over second-placed Leichhardt APIA will be dissipated in the vital closing weeks of the competition.

Slickers have not been getting the recent results expected from a side running away with a premiership.

Last Sunday, they drew 1-1 with struggling Sydney Croatia in a match which neutral observers insist should have been won by Croatia

... with goals to spare.

A week earlier, Sydney City had another draw, being unable to score a goal in their match against South Melbourne.

Go back another week. Slickers scraped through 4-3 against erratic Sydney Olympic, a result which indicated all was not well in the Sydney City defence.

And the week before that? Sydney City could do no better than get another 0-0 draw against the unrated Penrith City, chopping blocks for plenty of teams.

So in their last four outings, the champions-elect have looked anything but champions.

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Leichhardt, running second to Sydney City, came away with a 3-2 win over St George. Here, Leichhardt players Mark Brown and Kerry Cavan put Saints' David Skeen under pressure.

JOHNSTON FLIES IN TO REST!

BY DAVID JACK

CRAIG JOHNSTON was a surprise arrival in Australia last week — and he intends staying here for three months.

Australia's first million dollar footballer has skipped Liverpool's pre-season training and will miss the start of the English season.

Basically, the young star from Newcastle (NSW), is concerned about the baby his wife Jenny is expecting in October.

Craig says he will stay here until the birth of the child.

That means Liverpool will have to get by without their talented Aussie during vital early matches in the UK season.

"It could even be November before I go back to England," Craig told me.

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EDITORIAL

THE amazing affair of the John Kosmina death threat highlighted yet again the huge problems Soccer faces in this country.

Why is it these stories are never written about players in the other codes of football?

The answer must be that Soccer has a monopoly of ratbags, an undesirable species of trouble-maker which does not contaminate Australian Rules, Rugby League and Rugby Union.

Soccer has always had hooligans who think nothing about vaulting a fence to run on a pitch and aim blows at players, referees or linesmen.

Now, it seems, fists are old hat. They have been replaced by the threat of bullets.

While agreeing with Sydney City that the threat to Kosmina could not be treated lightly or be dismissed as a hoax, we wonder if coach Eddie Thomson was wise to drop Kosmina from his team to play South Melbourne.

Thomson is one of our more enlightened officials. He would surely have thought long and hard before capitulating to the misguided person who made the threat.

But Thomson DID yield to intimidation.

That was a decision he and Soccer in general may regret. When he left Kosmina out of his team, the Sydney City coach created a dangerous precedent.

It opened the door to similar threats against leading players. Imagine the scenario. St George might be playing against Brisbane Lions. A phone call from Brisbane could carry the threat

that Dez Marton or Terry Greedy will be shot if they play against Lions. What would Saints coach Frank Arok do about such a threat?

The precedent has been set. Arok might be tempted to drop both players and field a weakened team. So anarchy takes over.

Any maniac on the end of a telephone line has it in his power to cause clubs to make team changes.

It is a frightening situation.

Be sure the person who threatened Kosmina is delighted at the success of his despicable action.

Hopefully, he will be satisfied with that success and will not repeat the exercise. But don't bank on it.

Hopefully, too, his action will not be copied by another "nut" in the future. Don't bank on that either.

We can all be wise after the event. Without doubt, Eddie Thomson faced a terribly difficult decision over

Kosmina.

Should he select him and run the risk of a threat on a player's life being carried out? Or should he treat the threat with the contempt it deserved and play Kosmina against South Melbourne?

It was no easy decision.

Nevertheless, we still believe Kosmina should have played.

There was another alternative of course. The National League could have switched the match from Middle Park to the Sydney Athletic Field, even if it did mean a reduced attendance.

Even this would have been a semi-concession to the telephone ratbag.

But it would have been a sensible way to deal with a difficult and delicate situation.

It is a pity the National League did not make such a logical switch of venue.

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Even the prolific-scoring front-line has gone off the boil.

John Kosmina's ambitions to set a new NSL goals tally have been dented — the last time "Kossie" scored was on July 1.

Of course, it may just be a little hiccup on Slickers' relentless path to what many believe is inevitable success.

Or is it more than that?

Maybe the answer will be supplied next weekend when Sydney City have what appears an easy assignment against a Canberra Arrows side going through the horrors.

If Slickers don't return from Canberra with a handsome victory, it really could be time for super Sydney City to start worrying.



JOHN KOSMINA

STRUGGLES FOR ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE'S NSL teams are facing contrasting problems — one is struggling for points and the other for cash.

BY TOM MCKAIN

what format is introduced for the League next year.

Talk of a second division regionalised set-up could see West in the lower grade competition.

No money was spent on players and this is showing up in the results after a flurry of points at the start of the season from their young players.

Adelaide City coach Edmund Kreft, also minus cash for players, is beginning to get results

from his mixed bag of veterans and youth.

But the club is battling for financial survival.

Officials are saying very little, but so desperate is their plight that secretary Enzo Centofanti, who seldom makes statements, had to come forward to deny reports that the Burnside Council was about to evict City from their Olympic Sports Field premises.

The story was that City had 10 days to find \$20,000 or vacate the ground where it has built plush clubrooms on council land.

"We are in trouble financially, which club isn't?" said Mr Centofanti.

"But we have a friendly relationship with the council, and there is no question of us being evicted."

"People who spread rumours would be better engaged helping us solve our problems, and not making them worse."

City also had an expensive exercise in bringing in three Italians to "guest".

They failed to pull in crowds or gather many points, and while figures vary as to how much they cost the club for six games, it is known they did not come cheaply.

Now the regular guard is beginning to click with the "stars" gone, but with sagging crowds and empty coffers, morale is low.

The only good point appears to be a run of away matches which keeps the players away from certain

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give them back their confidence."

And like City fans, West's have become disillusioned although the majority had been screaming for the local products to be given a chance.

That chance has proved very expensive as far as points are concerned, and at the gate.

Both clubs are now lucky to be topping the 1,000 mark at home games.

Just how much interest the fans have lost will be seen on Sunday, when the pair meet in yet another derby.

GENTLEMAN JOY DIES

BY DAVID JACK

BERNARD JOY died in England last week at the age of 72, sad news which will be of interest to a lot of Australians.

It was in 1937 that Bernard Joy captained the England Amateur XI which played 10 matches on a tour of Australia.

Australia won two games, one in Sydney, the other in Newcastle, on a tour still referred to in some quarters as the Bernard Joy tour.

Joy was the last of the great English amateurs, having had the unusual distinction of playing for England in a full "A" international match against Belgium, alongside 10 professional team mates in 1936.

He also represented Great Britain in the 1936 "Hitler" Olympic Games in Berlin.

He played for Corinthian-Casuals at the time but moved to Arsenal, strictly maintaining his amateur status in the most professional side in England, and was a first-team regular with the Gunners from 1937 until he retired in 1946.

Joy then turned to sporting journalism in which field he again achieved great fame, being the leading football and tennis writer with the Evening Standard for many years.

Bernard Joy's death was a personal loss for me because, on many English international tours, we struck up a lasting friendship.

A gifted tennis player, Bernard once organised a tennis match in Copenhagen on an English football tour and invited me to partner him.

On the other side of the net, we faced Stanley Matthews and the great Danish international footballer Nils Middleboe. I seem to remember, Bernard's will-to-win hauled us to victory against the Matthews-Middleboe combination!

Joy retired from full-time journalism following the 1974 World Cup in West Germany but was still in great demand as a freelance contributor on football until shortly before his death.

As a footballer and a football writer, Bernard Joy stood for all that is good in this great game. He will be missed by many people.

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"Got his legs caught in the turnstile."

CHINESE DATES AGREED

AUSTRALIA will play only one full international match against China in November and not the three-Test series expected.

The big game will be played in Peking on November 3.

Other matches for the Socceroos in China will be against representative teams in Shanghai (November 7) and Canton (November 10.)

Brian Emery, chief executive of the Australian Soccer Federation, returned from Peking last week after tying up the loose ends for the tour.

"The Chinese would like a fourth match against us, tentatively planned for Peking on November 5, but this may be too much for the Socceroos to handle," said Emery this morning.

"We will take a large squad, however, and it's possible coach Frank Arok will want the extra match," he added.

Emery said there have been big changes in China since his last visit there in 1981.

Hotels are now excellent and there is no shortage of western-style food.

"They've even got advertising signs on their football grounds," said Emery.

"They told me 'you can get money for signs,' and seemed quite happy about that arrangement!"

The "A" international in Peking will be televised "live" on November 3 through the 0/28 network: producer John Rowley was with Brian Emery in China to make plans for this.

China's Football Federation is anxious to make a success of Australia's tour matches because they will be a dummy run for the first-ever World Cup for Under 16's, to be staged in four Chinese cities in January 1985.

— DAVID JACK

UNI OF NEW ENGLAND SOCCER CAMPS GROW

Next January, some 400 young Soccer players and trainee coaches will converge on the University of New England at Armidale, NSW, for the East-West Airlines National Soccer Camps.

These camps were first organised in 1981, with the aim to do much more for the Soccer enthusiasts in country areas.

The University of New England is well located on the outskirts of Armidale, situated on the Northern Tablelands of NSW, halfway between Sydney and Brisbane.

Co-directors of the Soccer Camp are Willie Wallace and Eric Worthington.

Wallace, represented Scotland and played for many years in the Scottish First Division for the world famous club, Celtic.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Wallace has coached APIA Leichhardt, Wollongong and currently Penrith City in the National Soccer League.

Eric Worthington is Australia's Rothmans national director of coaching for the last 11 years.

The Soccer camps will have as guest coaches former Australian World Cup coaches, Jimmy Shoulder and Les Scheinflug.

Shoulder is the current director of coaching at the Australian Sports Institute in Canberra and is in charge of the Australian World Youth Championship squad.

Former World Cup referee Tony Boskovic will



Penrith City coach Willie Wallace pictured at the Soccer Camp held at the Uni of New England.

also be involved in the Soccer Camps, giving specific lectures on the Laws of the Game.

From small beginnings just four years ago, these Soccer Camps now attract players from the ages of 10 to 18 years, and trainee coaches (ASF Level 1, 2 and 3 courses) from all States in Australia and even from overseas.

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MARCONI'S JANKOVICS MAKES HIS MARK!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARK JANKOVICS, former international midfield-striker, broke a club record last Sunday for most NSL appearances, playing his 186th game for Marconi against Parramatta Melita.

Jankovics created a piece of history when he jumped ahead of former international goalkeeper Allan Maher's previous record.

I asked Marconi's coach, Les Scheinflug, to comment on Mark.

"He is a wonderful clubman. It was a tremendous effort for him to break the Marconi record and to score seven goals this season from midfield," Scheinflug said.

After the Melita match, Mark said: "I was disappointed not scoring today. The Marconi club is like a second home to me. I have many friends and fond memories here."

I remember when Mark started playing senior Soccer with St George back in 1970: he looked anything but a Soccer player.

He had nothing. He didn't possess vision, skills, courage, pace or confidence then.

He looked anything but

a potential first grader, let alone a future international.

I also remember thinking were St George wasting their time with this youngster.

Since 1970, Mark has developed into a mature and consistent player.

Born on April 5, 1956, in Sydney, Jankovics was influenced by St George team-mates and Australian internationals like Atti Abonyi, Johnny Warren and Adrian Alston. His confidence grew as he played and learned rapidly from them.

His positional play inside the box improved out of sight and he soon became a goalscoring expert in the air with delicate head-flicks reminiscent of Spurs' Alan Gilzean.

I'll never forget Mark scoring a spectacular goal against Sydney City at Marconi Stadium in a night match.

Marconi's scorching flanker, Peter Sharpe, busted away down

the right touchline and from 15 metres, whipped a cracking cross into the box.

Jankovics, racing through, met the centre at top pace, climbing high to deflect a crashing header into the far top corner of the goal to send the crowd hysterical.

At the beginning of the 1978 season, Marconi paid an \$8,000 transfer fee to Saints for Mark. It proved to be one of the best investments Marconi has ever made.

Jankovics made his debut for Marconi on March 5, 1978, in Brisbane against Lions. Marconi won 3-0 and Mark made his mark, scoring twice.

In 1979, Marconi won the title with Jankovics laying the foundations, scoring 19 goals to become the top NSL marksman in Australia that season.

Jankovics has now set the goalscoring record at Marconi with 83... the third highest in the history of the



MARK JANKOVICS

NSL, after Gary Cole and John Kosmina.

He possibly could have been leading now, but Jankovics is a team player and versatile.

He has played numerous matches for Marconi in the midfield (especially this year) relinquishing the striker's role to create goals.

He is responsible, creative, unselfish, reliable, good natured and puts in a consistent effort. Even when Marconi are losing, Jankovics will stick to

his task by chasing, covering and distributing, refusing to toss in the towel.

His consistent goalscoring talent brought him international selection. In 1976, he made his debut against New Zealand.

Mark has played 15 full internationals, with 34 total Australian appearances.

By the end of this season, Jankovics should have reached the double-century mark of games for Marconi.

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LESS PAY DIDN'T MATTER TO MICK

A PLAYER who took a cut in pay to play football this year has been rewarded with success in the National League.

He is Michael Quarby, Blacktown City's 20-year-old midfielder.

After two years in the first team squad, and with the Demons back in the NSL, he didn't expect to be offered less than he got last year in State League.

He considered a move, but decided not to risk going on the transfer market and accepted the reduced terms.

"I didn't want to miss playing, and Blacktown are a good club," Quarby said.

He has gained a reputation for his versatility after coming into the team under coach Rale Basic in 1982.

Stop-gap

His two main positions have been left-back and midfield, although he has played in the forward-line and as a stop-gap sweeper against Brisbane Lions recently.

Quarby realises that his versatility is an asset to his game, but he would also like to be able to concentrate on playing one position.

"You don't get known for a position," he said.

"I enjoy playing in midfield, where you can make runs and there is a bit more freedom as long as you don't neglect your defensive duties."

It is as a midfielder that Quarby has shone in recent games, and he has demonstrated skills which led Basic to label him "the player with the most potential at his age in Australia" two years ago.

"My head was in the clouds a lot more then," said Micky, "but once you get dropped a few times you're brought back to earth."

BY BRAD EARL

Starting the season in the Youth League team gave Quarby greater resolve than previously to get back into the top team.

"By sticking with it, you'll eventually come through," was his approach.

Quarby has always wanted to get to the top in Soccer, having started at age three.

It is refreshing to hear Quarby's attitude to the game in a country where Soccer doesn't carry the same

prestige as other sports.

"I don't think I could do without it," he said. "At the end of a season, I've always looked forward to having a break, but then after about three weeks off, I'm missing the game!"

As a junior with Wentworth Waratahs, he played in a successful team that won the NSW Champion of Champions title four years running.

Step up

Most of that team took the step up into representative Soccer before Quarby, yet now he said most of those players have given the game away.

Quarby played for New South Wales at Under 15 and 16 level, and was captain of the U16 team.

This year, his brother Paul, also at Blacktown, is following his footsteps in the U16 State team.

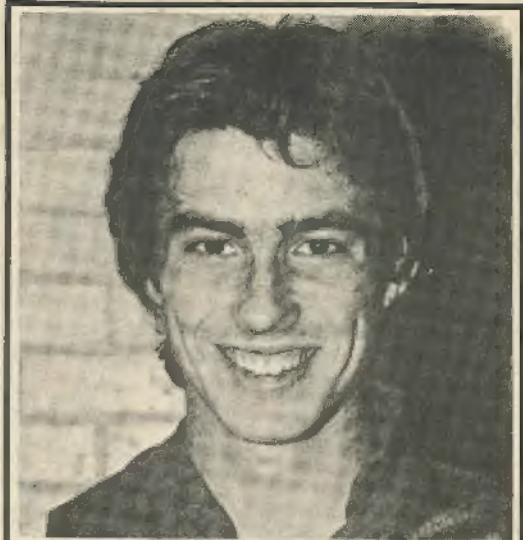
The biggest disappointment of Michael's career was missing out on the Australian World Youth Championship team last year.

"I thought I had secured the left-back position, but then I suf-

fered a groin injury and had to withdraw from the team," he recounted.

Naturally he sets national team selection as his ultimate goal, but

right now, Micky Quarby's task is to continue to play well for Blacktown City and cement his first team place.



GOALIES, REFS COP THE BLAME

WE judge referees and goalkeepers by lofty, almost perfect, standards, while making generous allowances for our field players.

BY MIKE JOHNSON



I came to this conclusion after my reaction to a recent loss by my team Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League Second Division.

We missed numerous chances and a partial error by our goalkeeper produced a 1-0 loss.

I tended to put the biggest responsibility for the loss of two vital points on our inexperienced 18-year-old goalkeeper, John Kraynovic.

He was tested only twice in the game, once making an excellent save and the other time caught flat-footed at the near post for the

goal.

Yet invariably there are several defensive errors that lead up to a strike on goal, and it is so easy to excuse these and shift the greatest responsibility to the goalkeeper.

Just as it is so easy to shift the responsibility for a bad performance on to a referee.

Excellent

Really, unless the goalkeeper or the referee is palpably bad, we must look elsewhere to improve team performance or the quality of a game.

The referee in our particular game, Graham Warne, gave an excellent display.

Indeed, on the evidence of the refereeing in games in our division this season, I would not agree with those who say the refereeing standard in Australia is poor.

Why should it be?

I am sure it is up to the standard of the rest of our game.

It is not realistic to expect top European standard, first division

quality refereeing when our best Soccer is below that level.

In recent games, my team has missed an unbelievable number of goalscoring chances, despite being given the opportunity to practise finishing skills.

We should not put the blame for the unwelcome result of such incompetence, bad luck or bad finishing on to the shoulders of goalkeepers and referees.

And on the other hand, the most difficult skills in the game for all outfield players are those headers, volleys, shots on the run, shots on the turn and so on which produce goals.

Virtually every team complains of the numerous goalscoring chances its players miss.

Nature

But that is the nature of Soccer.

You need numerous chances to score goals.

The Yugoslav coaching association took statistics on goalscoring over a period of many months which found that you had to have nine attempts



GREAT KEEPER: PETER SHILTON

at goal (on an average) to score a goal.

Of course, some teams some days may score four goals from six attempts. But on other days they may not score any goals from 20-plus attempts, which was the case with my team in the aforementioned game.

On average, however, it needs nine attempts at goal to score. These statistics correspond with those taken in goalscoring in the 1966 World Cup in England.

Difficult

Attempts that do hit the goal are a real test for any goalkeeper, which is why it is such a difficult position in which to play well enough to satisfy the coach.

So perhaps the goalkeepers and referees of the world should form a brotherhood for self advancement and self protection with the slogan: "Be kind, we are only human."

Having said all that, Peter Shilton between the sticks in England and Tim Davies with the whistle in his better games here in Australia, have both shown what an impact a great goalkeeper or great referee can have on a game of Soccer.



GREAT REF: TIM DAVIES

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES

ROUND 20 — SUNDAY AUGUST 12

CANBERRA ARROWS v

SYDNEY CITY

National Sports Centre 3pm

LEICHHARDT v

MARCONI

Henson Park 3pm

PARRA MELITA EAGLES v

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UTD

Melita Stadium 3pm

PENRITH CITY v

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Cook Park, St Marys 3pm

ST GEORGE v

BLACKTOWN CITY

St George Stadium 3pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v

WOLLONGONG CITY

King Tomislav Park 3pm

ADELAIDE CITY v

WEST ADELAIDE

Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm

BRISBANE CITY v

BRISBANE LIONS

Spencer Park 3pm

GREEN GULLY v

FOOTSCRAY

Green Gully 3pm

MELBOURNE CROATIA v

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Olympic Park 3pm

PRESTON v

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

Connor Reserve 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE v

BRUNSWICK UTD JUVENTUS

Middle Park 3pm

REVENGE FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

RESULTS in the inter-conference challenge rounds in the NSL never cease to amaze me.

In the first Inter-Challenge round, the teams from the Australian conference — which includes most of those in NSW — recorded good results.

The second time around saw a complete reversal in form. Naturally the teams from the National conference were happy to avenge their previ-

ous defeats.

Two of the most surprising results were Penrith City's 6-0 loss to Preston in Melbourne and Marconi's 1-0 defeat at home to Brunswick Juventus.

Sydney City did very well in drawing 0-0 against South Melbourne away from home. Coincidentally, they travel-

led to Melbourne earlier this year, achieving the same result.

The lads at St George were disappointed about having to travel to Adelaide for both the Inter-Challenge rounds. Every team loves to play at its home ground and our 2-2 result against West Adelaide was pleasing.

RATCLIFFE OUT

DAVID RATCLIFFE, St George's Socceroo central defender, will miss next Sunday's match against Blacktown City at the St George Stadium.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

League points, with three losses and two draws.

Against Leichhardt, St George was trailing 0-2 with 12 minutes to go and only 10 men. But the Saints came back very strongly to level the scoreline with seconds to go before centre-back Arno Bertiogna scored the winner with a header.

Blacktown City also lost their match against Newcastle, by 1-2.

Casey De Bruin, Blacktown's coach, a fine St George player back in the early 1960s, has been hit with injury problems.

Ratcliffe misses the match serving a suspension after being sent off against Leichhardt for a foul tackle on striker Johnny Bradley.

St George could also be without classy midfielder Johnny O'Shea, who is expected to go for an arthroscopy examination on his knee this week.

However, the Saints expect to have back on deck their beloved veteran striker, Dez Marton.

Marton has missed the last five matches, and will be a most welcome sight on the pitch for coach Frank Arok.

In the last five weeks, the Saints have collected only two

ROBBIE SLATER
Writes
for ASW

RICOY HAS A BIG FUTURE

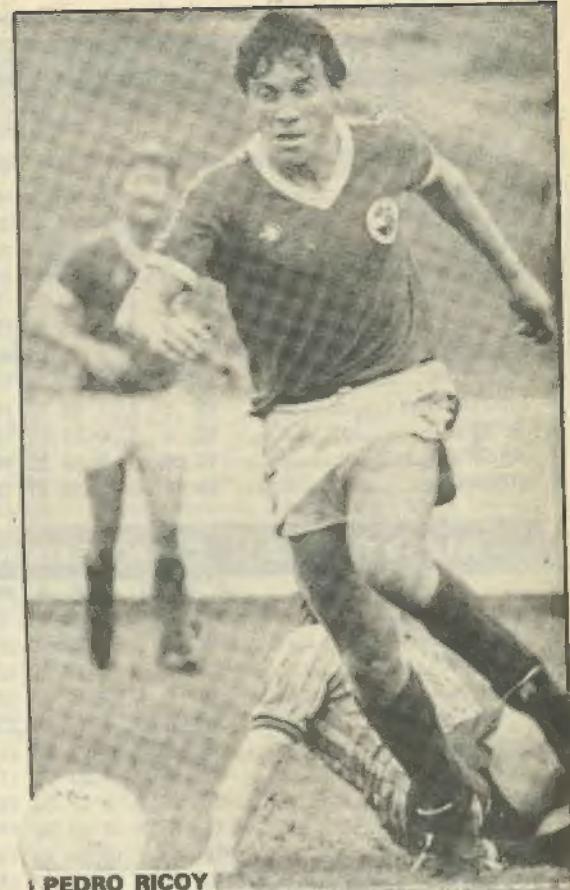
ONE young player destined for a big future in the game is St George midfielder Pedro Ricoy.

A local product who has worked his way through the junior ranks, Ricoy has been winning many accolades from team-mates and opposition alike.

He has excellent ball skills — obviously his South American background has helped him. A born fighter, Ricoy never shirks any challenges.

One of the outstanding features of his play is his determination to push forward and score goals.

Ricoy has been selected in the Australian Youth team's preliminary squad. He is sure to play a big part in next year's elimination rounds and, hopefully, final series for the World Youth Championship.



PEDRO RICOY

CROATIA WILL BOUNCE BACK

PROMOTION to the National Soccer League is the dream of many clubs.

One club which always deserved a spot in Australia's premier Soccer competition is Sydney Croatia. Unfortunately, they lost — and that's when their troubles began.

One of the strongest crowd-pulling clubs in the competition, it would be a pity if they were relegated at the end of the season.

At the beginning of the season a large at-

tendance of more than 8,000 watched their match against Sydney Olympic. Unfortunately, they lost — and that's when their troubles began.

During the past few years, they have been

ships.

Crowds love, and support, winning teams and Croatia certainly know how to pull in the crowds.

It wouldn't have helped team stability after the successive downfall of coaches Attila Abonyi and Mick Jones.

Despite their first year in the NSL, Croatia have a mixture of youth and experience. Bruno Vidaic, aside from

his recent groin injury, leads the team to perfection and is well-supported by the likes of Wally Savor, Graham Arnold, Ken Boden, Shane Clinch and Nelio Borges.

With the introduction of their three new imports — Jelko Jurin, Vedran Rozic and Emil Dragicevic — they should be able to steer clear of any relegation fears.

ST GEORGE v BLACKTOWN CITY

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PETER PETKOVSKI (St George, left)



STUART SELVAGE (Blacktown City, right)

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| SUNSHINE | 19 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 37 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 29 | 6 |

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

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| OLYMPIC | 19 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 37 | 22 | 23 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 12 |
| MARCONI | 19 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 40 | 24 | 22 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 24 | 11 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 7 |
| PARRA MELITA | 19 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 19 | 19 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 12 |
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Ian Gray, sent off in Leichhardt's win over St George, is challenged by Saints' Mark Barton.

CRASHING CHRIS CRUSHES WOLVES

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CHRIS KALANTZIS, Sydney Olympic's young left striker, made a dramatic return to NSL football on Sunday, scoring two great first half goals against Wollongong at Pratten Park in his team's 3-0 victory and was unlucky not to have scored another two.

Kalantzis, a tall, strongly-built lad, was determined to prove his worth. He constantly proved a headache for the Wollongong defence which he repeatedly stretched.

Kalantzis was strongly supported by Jimmy Patikas, whose non-stop crashing runs into the Wollongong box tore the defence to shreds.

Olympic opened their account in the 10th minute when, from a free-kick wide on the left by Peter Katholos, Mike Coady cut a pass back.

Kalantzis was on the spot to volley a right-footed shot from 10 metres into the net.

Wollongong's midfield of Bundalo, Gaffney, Hristovski and Kotamanidis couldn't hold

the Wollongong defence which suffered from a heavy virus. This became evident in the second half as their energy

had gone. They had too much class for us. That Jimmy Patikas has everything. Pace and flair and he is not afraid to take on anybody.

"We just don't have the depth or the experience just yet."

Best performers for Olympic were Kalantzis, Coady, Patikas and Graham Jennings, whilst for Wollongong, Larry Gaffney and Bundalo, tackled relentlessly, and Bundalo played a strong first half before his strength gave out completely.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC:

Meier; Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Jennings; Patikas, Raskopoulos, Katholos; Soper, Theodorakopoulos (Patalis 63), Kalantzis.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Fleming, Vlietstra, Dickson, Kerr; Bundalo, Gaffney, Hristovski, and Bundalo played a strong first half before his strength gave out completely.

REFEREE: K. Small. CROWD: 1,877.



CHRIS KALANTZIS

RESULTS

- WEST ADELAIDE 3 (Konstandopoulos, Malavazos, Panagis) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Brown) at Hindmarsh Stadium. CROWD: 1,327.
- MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Campbell, Antolovic, Gojevic) PRESTON 1 (Lucchesi) at Olympic Park. CROWD: 4,000.
- BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Cairney, McDonagh, Anderson) SUNSHINE 0 at Richlands Stadium. CROWD: 567.
- GREEN GULLY 3 (Lewis 2, Carter) CANBERRA 0 at Green Gully Reserve. CROWD: 600.
- FOOTSCRAY 0 BRUNSWICK 0 at Schinter Reserve. CROWD: 2,000.
- HEIDELBERG 1 (Selemidis) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Heidelberg. CROWD: 1,500.
- SYDNEY CITY 1 (O'Connor) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Arnold) at Sydney Athletic Field. CROWD: 2,101.
- PENRITH 0 BRISBANE CITY 0 at Cook Park. CROWD: 215.
- MARCONI 1 (Brown) PARRAMATTA 1 (De Manuele) at Marconi Stadium. CROWD: 1,325.
- SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Kalantzis 2, Patalis) WOLLONGONG 0 at Pratten Park. CROWD: 1,877.
- LEICHHARDT 3 (Caban, Morsello, Bertogna) ST GEORGE 2 (Slater, Barton) at Henson Park. CROWD: 1,179.
- NEWCASTLE 2 (Todd 2) BLACKTOWN 1 (Dunleavy) at Adamstown. CROWD: 1,001.

TOP SCORERS

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| 15 — Kosmina (SC) |
| 12 — D. Brown (SM) |
| 10 — Bradley (L) |
| Lowe (M) |
| Arnold (S. Cr) |
| 9 — Caimey (BL) |
| Lewis (GG) |
| Patterson (H) |
| Winn (H) |
| Katholos (SO) |
| Konstandopoulos (WA) |
| 8 — Farina (CA) |
| McCulloch (M) |
| R. Brown (M) |
| Patikas (SO) |
| 7 — Sweeney (BJ) |
| Jankovics (M) |
| Brandt (NR) |
| Marton (SG) |
| Fletcher (SC) |



'ARNO' GETS LATE GOAL

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE dismissal of Leichhardt right-back Ian Gray signalled a St George comeback, but Leichhardt ran out deserved 3-2 winners by the skin of their teeth at Henson Park.

Gray, the dominant force in the first half, was cautioned for one foul and automatically received another caution when he handled a ball that was goal-bound.

He marched towards the dressing room, but as referee Graham Warne afterwards admitted, it was only when he checked his book that he knew he had to show Gray the red card.

Robbie Slater made no mistake from the resultant penalty kick and then Mark Barton angled the ball in for a second St George goal.

Leichhardt had dominated the game with a splendid all-round display until the

Saints' goals came.

They came back to score a minute into injury time when a perfectly placed John Bradley corner was turned into goal by Arno Bertogna.

Saints were under the handicapper's notice from the 52nd minute when Socceroo defender David Ratcliffe was sent off for a second caution offence.

They did not deserve to be in the race but, as coach Frank Arok admitted later, five times this year they have lost matches in the last three minutes of play.

With Mark Pullen, Terry Butler and

JOE WANTED TWO POINTS

BY BRAD EARL

BRISBANE CITY's excellent away record earned them a point in a 0-0 draw with Penrith City — but coach Joe Gilroy was aiming for two.

"After five minutes, I saw the game was there for the winning," Gilroy said.

"I thought we were more likely to win as we created more than they did."

Penrith coach Willie Wallace didn't agree — claiming neither side deserved victory.

Brisbane City had a great chance to take the lead in the 14th minute, but right striker Luchi Fabrizio, after winning the ball from Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson 12 metres out, blasted his shot wildly with only one Penrith player in the goalmouth.

Steve Glockner, Brisbane City's dangerous young central striker, was injured in a clash with Panthers stopper Dave McIntosh early in the match. He continued until the 37th minute, when he was substituted by Steve Walsh.

Jeff Ainsworth was back in midfield for Penrith after a long lay-off through injury, but the Panthers missed the experience of striker Roy Cotton, who suffered a broken rib in the game against Preston a week earlier.

Wallace said his attacking players must be more prepared to win the ball back when they lose possession.

"This places so much more pressure on the midfield and defence," Wallace explained.

Penrith looked dangerous in the last half-hour, but the composure of Brisbane City's central defensive pair, Steve Perry and Frank Liddell, and the dominating goalkeeping of Kim Wishart repelled their attacking moves.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh; Wotherspoon (Hunter 57), Ainsworth, Campbell, Hale (Fitzharris 77); Easthorpe, Jackson.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart; Milovanovic, Bromfield, Perry, Liddell; Swan, Pimblett, Omaye (Mengotti 72); Hamilton, Glockner (Walsh 37), Fabrizio.

REFEREE: T. Davies.

CROWD: 215.

CAIRNEY KEEPS ON SCORING

BY GREG RUSSELL

aerial dominance and Lions never looked in danger of losing.

Although Sunshine fielded a much stronger side than the one Lions beat 4-2 five weeks ago, Lions determination was again the telling factor.

John Stewart was a powerhouse in the midfield while Alan Niven and Roddy Vasquez were in good touch.

Sunshine's best opportunity came minutes after half-time when he broke through a flat Sunshine defence to round goalkeeper Tom Costello and slot the ball away.

Although Calvin Daunt and Clark Anderson added the others for Lions in the second half, Cairney could have finished with at least a hat-trick.

Shortly after his goal he was unlucky not to score again when he raced in to finish a great Lions move that involved six players.

But under pressure from Costello his shot flew over the bar.

In the second half, Cairney sacrificed several opportunities for himself to set up his team-mates.

The suspect Sunshine defence had no answer to Cairney's speed nor Daunt's

REFEREE: D. Nugent.

CROWD: 567.

HERE COME CROATIA!

BY TOM ANDERSON

SYDNEY CROATIA can stand up and take a bow this week after a scintillating performance against NSL pace-setters Sydney City Slickers at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Before this match Croatia had relegation blues, but after the final whistle they became candidates for a place in the top five.

The scoreline in an all-action encounter was 1-1, but don't let that fool you — Croatia was by far the outstanding team on the afternoon.

In fact if there were any strangers in the crowd who had never witnessed these teams in action before, they could have been excused for thinking it was Croatia who headed the NSL competition.

Croatia were solid in every department and from goalkeeper to outside left they looked the goods.

Indeed it was lucky for the Slickers that their Socceroo goalkeeper Tony Pezzano was at his peak, for the youngster saved them on numerous occasions when the Croatia strikers had the goal at their mercy.

But then again you have to hand it to Eddie Thomson and his Slickers team — they had one of their infrequent off-days and still managed to get a point.

This is the stamp of a real champion team — which Slickers undoubtedly are.

Slickers opened the scoring against the run of play in the 26th minute when big Steve O'Connor headed home a Joe Watson free-kick.

But Croatia stormed back and Graham Arnold

Charge
for
top
five

until success arrives.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Rodrigues, O'Connor, Robertson, de Marigny; Watson, Barnes (Gomez 45), Kay; Lee, Kosmina, Fletcher (Murray 70).

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson; Woods, Vidic, Sterry, Tomasic; Rozic, Savor, Rezo; Borges, Arnold, Jurin.

REFEREE: D. Rennie.

CROWD: 2,101.



Croatia import Vedran Rozic takes a high kick over the head of Sydney City midfielder Joe Watson at the Athletic Field.

WHO WAS PHANTOM WHISTLE-BLOWER?

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

"IT was an incredible decision — I just couldn't believe it."

So said Parramatta Melita coach Raul Blanco.

Although Marconi and Melita shared the points, drawing 1-1, Blanco was very critical of a refereeing decision which resulted in Marconi's only goal.

In the 34th minute, Marconi midfielder Craig Mason chipped the ball over the Melita defence and in the following passage of play a spec-

tator blew a whistle.

Referee Gary Power waved play on but Melita goalkeeper Chris Hummel thought Power had pulled up play and rolled the ball out.

Marconi striker Rod Brown swooped on the ball and tapped it into the empty goal.

It was disappointing to see this happen to Hummel because before that incident, he thwarted the Marconi

front line with some perfect reflex saves.

In fact, the attacking movements from both sides were spectacular.

Marconi midfielder Mark Jankovics, who eclipsed Allan Maher's club appearance record of 186 games, had the best chance to break the deadlock in the fifth minute but was denied by Hummel.

Marconi looked determined to increase their lead during the opening stages of the second half but on a couple of occasions, selfishness

in front of goal let them down.

In the 50th minute, Craig Mason, one of Marconi's best performers, put David Lowe through on the left and his shot beat Hummel but rattled the crossbar.

This didn't deter Melita and in the 80th minute a 35 metre drive from former Youth Socceroo Howard Tredinnick beat Marconi goalie Bruce James but not the woodwork.

With just eight minutes remaining, Silvio Demanuelle, playing only

his second full game in three months, broke clear to score Melita's vital equalising goal.

MARCONI: James, Carter (Carbone 88), Mariani, Henderson, Rizzotto, Spanos, Mason, Jankovics, Lowe, Brown, Sharne.

PARRAMATTA MELITA: Hummel, McAusland, McGinn, Wilson, Tredinnick, Davies, Jamieson (Laing 60), Farrugia, Duarte, Demanuelle, McKie.

CROWD: 1,325.
REFEREE: G. Power.



CHRIS HUMMEL, the Parramatta Melita goalkeeper who was the victim of a spectator's whistle against Marconi.



ROUND UP

TODD'S GOALS TURN TIDE

BY NEIL JAMESON

DEREK TODD was happy to be in the starting line-up and Newcastle Rosebud supporters were glad to see him there as the busy striker scored the two vital goals in a 2-1 cliffhanger against Blacktown City.

Newcastle looked headed for a draw on their home turf until Todd bobbed up in the 87th minute to convert Simon Brandt's clever delivery into a neat winner.

For the home fans, again taxed by the prospect of lingering problems over the availability of ex-Newcastle KB United players, the winning points were sweet relief.

In the 48th minute, Andy Thompson's free-kick on the left took a looping deflection over the defensive cover and fell for the ever-alert Todd to push in Newcastle's first.

But the Rosebud defence, without the steady influence of suspended Mike Boogaard, looked vulnerable and in the 63rd minute only a desperate clearance by Ralph Maier saved the day when a shot by substitute John Larkin was deflected into the path of Blacktown's Adam Sandy.

Blacktown deserved reward for their pressure and it came just one minute later through Chris Dunleavy who pulled down a well-flighted corner kick to hammer in the equaliser from 12 metres.

When Larkin's 76th minute header flew the wrong side of the upright and Clint Gosling saved spectacularly from a Brett Thorntwaite drive, Blacktown still looked capable of punishing a Rosebud defence seemingly struck with a bad dose of "ball watching".

However, Todd, who had been out of favour since a recent suspension, took full advantage of his reinstatement by turning Brandt's perseverance into Newcastle's winner.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Power, Owens, Thompson, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt, Todd, Jones (Milesevic 13), John (Kerby 83).

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Skellern, Dunleavy, Thorntwaite, Selvage, Quarby, Byrne, Sandy, McLaughlin (Larkin 45), O'Connor.

REFEREE: J. Reeves.

CROWD: 1,002.

BOBBY WAVES THE WAND

GREEN GULLY cruised to a comfortable 3-0 win over Canberra City and stretched their unbeaten record to four weeks.

Bobby McLachlan's magic touch has transformed Gully's lethargic team to one that is firing and is now well clear of relegation.

Paul Lewis scored twice - once in each half - to set Gully on their path to victory.

Lewis struck first a minute before half-time, setting the scene for a second half onslaught.

His second goal came two minutes into the second half and the leading forward kept on tearing gaps in the opposing defence.

Les Carter put the result beyond doubt minutes before full time. Carter's goal signalled the beginning of a fiesta by Green Gully supporters.

GREEN GULLY: Dennys, Smart, Hogben, Cannell, McLellan, Wade, Vassallo, Williams, McGuinness, Lewis, Carter.

CANBERRA CITY: Franken, Michalidis, Jones (Harkins 75), Redmond, Ontong, Gibson, Bryant, Brockbank, Sermanni, Farina (Reis 18), Perenovic (sent off 65).

REFEREE: J. Fearn. **ATTENDANCE:** 600.

SOUTH SHATTERED!

BY TOM MCKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE came charging out of the relegation mire at Hindmarsh Stadium, shattering South Melbourne 3-1 in a game which had the long-suffering home fans screaming in ecstasy.

After eight matches and only two points to show from them, the predominantly home-grown team at times ran all over the "Melbourne Millionaires" and made their Socceroo-packed line-up look very ordinary.

However, one must temper praise with fact - and the fact was that but for two superb saves by West goalkeeper Gary Sproul in the second half following magnificent shots by Oscar Crino, the scoreline might have been a lot different.

West scored first in the 29th minute when striker George Konstandopoulos raced away with a midfield pass from Chris Manou, outran Angelo Postecoglou and beat Peter Laumets.

South stormed back and it was Doug Brown on the right of the box who pulled down a Charlie Egan cross and turned to beat Sproul in the 33rd minute.

Coming up to half-time, West were absorbing a lot of pressure from Brown, Egan, Crino and Ken Murphy.

But in the 45th minute, Nick Malavazos

collected a ball from John Panagis, who had received it from Brenton Hiern, and although Laumets got his hands to the low shot by Malavazos, he could not hold it.

From the restart, South came again, and again West defence held out, with Hiern, Tim Brown - Doug Brown's shadow - and Sproul outstanding, along with deputy full-back Nick Moussoulis playing for the injured Ian McGregor.

When it appeared as if the Victorians would grab an equaliser, Konstandopoulos and Malavazos turned South inside out on the left wing and when the ball reached Panagis in the centre of the box, he sent it home after leaving two defenders for dead in the 84th

minute.

In a sometimes torrid match, South lost John Yzendoorn concussed and with a possible broken nose in the 62nd minute when he and Tim Brown (six stitches in his head) clashed; then Carl Halford had to limp off with a knee injury in the 79th minute.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Papazoglou, Mousoulis, Hiern, McGachey, Manou, Panagis, Brown, Papadopoulos (Stamatopoulos 89), Konstandopoulos, Malavazos.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Blair, Postecoglou, Halford (Kikos 79), Yzendoorn (Abraam 62), Crino, Egan, Brown, Murphy.

REFEREE: J. Ross.

CROWD: 1,327.

CAPTAIN'S GOAL IS DECISIVE

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

HEIDELBERG United consolidated top position in their competition with a solid 3-1 victory over Adelaide City in Melbourne.

Heidelberg produced most of the limited scoring opportunities and went into the lead five minutes before half-time when captain Theo Selemidis headed home a corner by Mike Valentine to the near post.

The weather conditions and the destructive tactics of the opposition restricted Heidelberg's normal entertaining game.

Although their midfield dominated, Heidelberg's breaks forward were easily blocked by Adelaide's solid defence, featuring the experienced Bugsy Nyskohus and the

unbeatable Neville Flounders.

Adelaide City had some occasional glimpses particularly when Sergio Melta was in possession of the ball.

Heidelberg created good scoring opportunities in the second half and could have increased the margin had Scott Patterson, Steve Winn and Stuart Stevenson been more deadly.

Adelaide City can be credited with the last quarter during which they applied tremendous pressure on their opponents but failed to find the gap in Heidelberg's defence

to score the equaliser.

Heidelberg will line up next weekend against closest rivals Melbourne Croatia minus Don McLeod who is likely to be suspended for a week on points.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver, McKie, Angele, McLeod, Yankos, Selemidis, Valentine, Petersen, Winn, Patterson, Stevenson.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Tobin, Flounders, Melta, Villani, Gattenby, Maxwell, Mullen, Rankin.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.

CROWD: 1,500.

TOP EFFORT BY GEORGE!

BY DAVID BECK

Goalkeeper George Martin made a brilliant debut in Melbourne to help salvage a valuable point for Brunswick Juventus.

Martin made a remarkable save in the dying minutes when he stretched full length to control a back-pass by one of his team mates - a situation that could have resulted in Footscray taking both points.

The match remained scoreless.

Footscray lined up without one of their defensive stalwarts Kyriakouless, who has been sidelined by injury.

Kyriakouless' absence made room for veteran defender Jim Tansey, whose valuable experience contributed to Footscray's solid defensive work.

Juventus brought back Australian "B" representative Richard Miranda in the 61st minute, and the aggressive player assumed control of the midfield.

Despite Miranda's productive work in the midfield, Juventus failed to capitalise on the scoring chances.

The two sides will have to improve further if they are to remain in contention.

They have suffered great losses in the early stages of the championship and they will have to try harder to win games and improve their positions on the championship table.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Tansey, Curovic, Karic, Belic, O'Donnell (Paton 60), Lujic, Lamanovic, Carroll.

JUVENTUS: Martin, Geremia, Swinscoe (Mannini 78), Campbell, Brown, Cullen, Minichiello (Miranda 61), Drinoczyk, Saglam, Ward, Zinni.

REFEREE: E. Venios.

ATTENDANCE: 2,000.



MIKE VALENTINE ... corner winner

PRESTON BEATEN

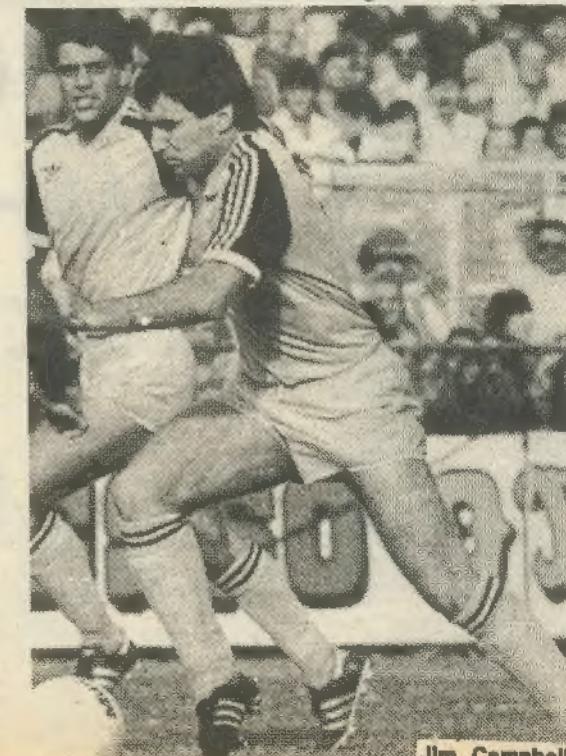
MELBOURNE Croatia kept their championship hopes intact with a spectacular 3-1 win over Preston at Olympic Park.

Croatia overcame a shock early goal and mounted raids which netted them three goals in the opening half of an incident-packed encounter.

Preston set sail after five minutes when

Claude Lucchesi scored.

Victoria's surprise team refused to give in and within minutes levelled the score through Jim Campbell, who



Jim Campbell

was playing his first full game after a period of two months.

The equaliser lifted Croatia's performance and in the 24th minute the home team went into the lead through Jozo Antolovic.

Croatia maintained the pressure in the second half and within minutes from the restart increased their lead to 3-1 through Steve Gojevic.

Croatia's record since the appointment of Tony Vrzina as coach is second to none.

The Melbourne team has gone undefeated for 11 weeks and is now considered a big threat for the championship.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Deankovic, Parton, P. Lewis, Gojevic, Campbell (Hannah 81), Antolovic, Biskic, Brogan, Markovac.

PRESTON: Potter, Opasinas, Petrovski (Flavell 63); Dobson, McMillan, Campbell, Odzakov, Dunn, Heys, Lucchesi, Cole.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.

ATTENDANCE: 5,500.

CHIT CHAT



BRISBANE LIONS striker Joe Cairney could turn out to be the buy of the season.

Cairney came to Richlands from Brisbane City on a free transfer and so far has netted nine goals for Lions NSL team, more than he scored in two seasons at Spencer Park.



THERE were suggestions earlier this season that St George skipper Peter Stone had lost his touch and his game was going downhill.

Not any more.

Saints schoolteacher-midfielder has been in top form recently and, after the recent draw against West Adelaide, coach Frank Arok said: "Stone played a real captain's role."

Arok also had kind words for the young Koszka, Ricoy, Danaskos and Petkovski, describing Koszka and Ricoy as "the two best players in the match."

Incidentally the Westad v Saints match probably featured the two youngest sides in the NSL.

TOMMY McCULLOCH is keen to go on the Socceroos world tour in November but competition for places in the squad is bound to be keen.

If the former Youth Socceroo captain does make the trip, he'll be hoping to have more games than he had in the World Soccer Series here.

In that series, McCulloch, the Marconi midfielder played only one full match with the "A" team.

PETER STONE with the 1984 NSW Ampol Cup.

WHILE the football has been far from impressive most times at Spencer Park recently, several other aspects have provided light relief. A week ago, a telephone call to the press box asked the score and when told 1-1 enquired "who for?"

The week before that, after City's disappointing 0-2 loss to Heidelberg, announcer Steve Hill invited everyone back to watch the Gladiators play Melita the following Sunday.

"And you will be here on your own mate," was the lone but very loud response which echoed through the grandstand.

FORMER OLYMPIC Basketball star Gordon McLeod has been training with Wollongong City.

McLeod, who is guard with the Illawarra Hawks in the NBL, is very keen on Soccer and wants to have a run before his basketball commitments start again.

He was a useful player in minor grades with Safeway United and played in just about every position.

Also a first grade cricketer, McLeod is super fit and could appear in the Wollongong youth team in the near future.

If he cracks it for a place in the senior team, he would have the unique distinction of having played in national competitions in both Soccer and Basketball.

NEIL McGACHEY, West Adelaide's veteran former captain now content to operate as a sweeper, summed up his feelings about being switched to midfield.

"Right, lads, get the oxygen ready for me at half-time," he said before the kick-off.

But he came through unscathed, and in the top three on the best players' list.

THE NATIONAL League is not at all happy about Sydney City!

"The Slickers may be the best team in Australia but they are certainly not running the NSL," said one administrator.

He was angry about some pretty strong condemnation of the NSL which came from Slickers director Sam Fiszman last week.

Fiszman said his club was making a formal protest to the National League management about several contentious matters. "I've had a gutful and I'm ready to take on the NSL," said Fiszman.

Those sort of comments were not well received at headquarters.

TIM DAVIES will be keeping a close eye on Terry Butler the next time he referees Leichhardt.

Twice Davies has come a cropper in recent games, and went for an embarrassing slide in the mud against Blacktown City.

Davies, a whistler with a sense of humour, reckons it was Butler both times who took his heels out from under him!

ADELAIDE CITY can't blame interstate scribes for referring to Steve Maxwell as a striker.

The blond midfielder's work-rate and scoring ability is such that strangers could be excused for thinking he played every position on the field apart from goalkeeper.

But it's a situation coach Edmund Kreft loves.

"I don't mind if our strikers don't score," he says.

"As long as they keep the defenders busy our midfielders will find the goal."

ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S greatest attacking midfielders. That's how Manfred Schaefer describes his Sydney Olympic ace, Jim Patikas.

Coach Schaefer added: "Jim can also play defensively very well—but I don't want him to!"

Patikas, not at his best at the start of the season, is now getting back to his most dynamic form.

PRESTON'S 6-0 slaughter of Penrith looked a terrible result for the NSW side but coach Willie Wallace insists the beating was not as bad as it looked.

"Our boys played reasonably and Preston's last two goals came very late when Penrith were reduced to nine fit men," said Willie.

NOW IT'S OFFICIAL — the 1984 National Soccer League will definitely be over before the Socceroos fly to China on their tour.

It was feared that the national team might be leaving before the last club match had been played.

Stefan Kamasz, secretary-manager of the League, says: "The final NSL game is scheduled for October 28. It has been brought forward because of the tour."

THE NATIONAL League is not at all happy about Sydney City!

"The Slickers may be the best team in Australia but they are certainly not running the NSL," said one administrator.

He was angry about some pretty strong condemnation of the NSL which came from Slickers director Sam Fiszman last week.

Fiszman said his club was making a formal protest to the National League management about several contentious matters. "I've had a gutful and I'm ready to take on the NSL," said Fiszman.

Those sort of comments were not well received at headquarters.

TIM DAVIES will be keeping a close eye on Terry Butler the next time he referees Leichhardt.

Twice Davies has come a cropper in recent games, and went for an embarrassing slide in the mud against Blacktown City.

Davies, a whistler with a sense of humour, reckons it was Butler both times who took his heels out from under him!

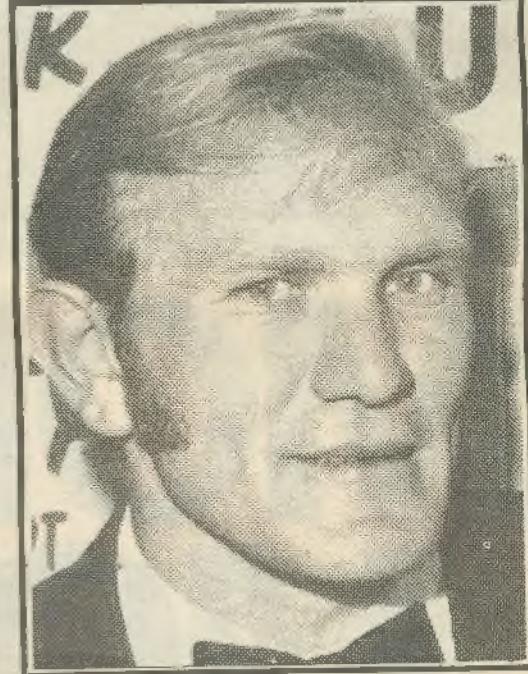


STEVE MAXWELL (right) in action for Adelaide City.

BLACKTOWN will be happy if none of their players has any knee injuries during the rest of the season.

Secretary Peter Thorne says: "We've had quite enough knee

problems for one year. Robbie Wheatley is struggling to recover from one after missing three games but we have also been without Phil O'Connor, Mike Berry and Tony Rasmussen—all with knee injuries."



MANFRED SCHAEFER

TERRY BUTLER



WHILE Adelaide City has a string of away games to play, there is one player who shouldn't be complaining — Mark Gatenby.

The forward or midfielder, signed this year from New Zealand where he went from England, is probably the most unpopular player among fans we have ever encountered.

He is the target for jeers and catcalls every time he takes the field, and even some sections of the media have the daggers out.

IN an amazing incident in a NSL Youth League match, two Parramatta Melita players were booked after taking a penalty.

In the game against St George, Silvio Demanuele lined up to take the penalty kick, but Ray Farrugia ran from behind him and took it, with the keeper saving.

However, the referee immediately awarded a free-kick to St George on the penalty spot and showed Demanuele and Farrugia the yellow card — presumably for ungentlemanly conduct!



LEFT: TOMMY McCULLOCH on the ball for Marconi.
BELOW: Two of Australia's national team midfielders in opposition for their clubs — JOE WATSON (Sydney City) and PETER RASKOPOULOS (Sydney Olympic).



PROBABLY the most important ingredient in national coach Frank Arok's team tour and next year's World Cup elimination games will be his midfield com-

This is the engine room of any team.

Strikers, goalkeepers and the defence are also ultra-important, but without these units together, the desired results will not be forthcoming.

In Frank Arok's outstanding success with the national team since he took over combination has always been near perfect.

In this article, TOM ANDERSON names ...

THE RIGHT IN FOR SOCCER ENGINE ROOM

"OLD FOX" Arok immediately found a winning blend and a mixture that was highly talented, well drilled, efficient and completely disciplined.

The midfielders who have performed with distinction for the national coach are Joe Watson, Jim Cant, Ken Murphy, Peter Raskopoulos and Steve O'Connor (more about him later).

Youngsters Ian Gray, Tommy McCulloch, Jim Patikas and John O'Shea are also on the ball and ready to step in at any given call.

A good midfield combination is really a team within a team.

Their top priority is support. They must sup-

port the defence when it is under pressure and the attack when on the offensive.

In my opinion midfielders come in three categories —

(A) The attacking, skilful, creative type who can general the team and destroy a defence with a paralysing pass and the link within the link.

(B) The all-purpose midfielders who are energetic and who have the stamina to cover every blade of grass on the field and the talent and skill to defend or attack whenever the situation demands.

(C) The defensive midfielders who are the

artisans of the set-and the players who are experts in winning the ball and destroying the opposition.

In his present set-up Arok has all the three qualities moulded together as an effective force.

'Platini'

The king of the creators here in Australia is Jinky Joe Watson whom Arok describes as his "Platini."

Little Joe is an excellent ball artist and a highly skilled midfielder.

As most of us are aware he served his Soccer

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AUSTRALIA'S MIDFIELD

prenticeship as a wing-
er and this has stood him
in good stead in his new
midfield role

Watson's vision is
excellent and his control
and ability to pinpoint
passes to his strikers in the air and
on the ground proves invaluable.

Little Joe is a
right-footed player and
mainly operates on the
right and in the
centre.

When Joe was not in
the team, Arok used Peter
Raskopoulos in this
role with success.

Although maybe not as
skilful as Watson, Raskopoulos has excellent
vision, good distribution
and is indeed a fine

general.

Sometimes it seemed
the only problem in Raskopoulos' make-up was his
attitude. When he
plays for Sydney Olympic
he does not seem hungry
enough.

However, he soon
learned that nothing
but the correct attitude
is tolerated in
any Arok set-up and now
with the national team
Raskopoulos' full potential
is being realised.

Young Tom McCulloch is
also on the way to fame and

fortune in this role and
is a youngster who is cer-
tain to play a big part in
the future of Australian Soccer.

In the role of all-
purpose midfielder,
there is none better
than Ken Murphy, whose
performance against
Juventus at the SCG
in the recent World
Series was brilliant.

When this fellow
Murphy plays for the
national team, he is per-
petual motion personified
and a graftier

second to none.
Competitive, his
vision is excellent and
he has an abundance of
skill and imagination ab-
out his play.

Kenny also knows how to
finish and he is a very
valuable player to the
Socceroos.

Also in this all-
purpose category are
young Ian Gray and Jim
Patikas.

Both these boys have
talent unlimited which
quickly comes to the
fore when in the company
of their more experi-
enced national team-
mates and under the
direction of Arok.

In the defensive mid-
field department, Aus-
tralia is very strong
with big Steve O'Con-
nor leading the way.

Obviously, a few eye-
rows will be raised at
this statement as most
people regard Steve as
an out-and-out stopper
in the defence.

However his role for
the Socceroos on numer-
ous occasions was in fact
as deep midfield anchorman
and the destroyer.

O'Connor did this job
to perfection, oper-
ating in front of central
defender David Ratcliffe
and sweeper Charlie
Yankos.

Critique

Some people may read
the situation as being
three central defen-
ders but I don't.
O'Connor is the man used
by Arok to take out the
opposition's withdrawn
striker.

This is a critical
role as the withdrawn
striker is now used by
all top overseas teams.



KENNY MURPHY (left) surges past Manchester United's Paul McGrath.

Big Steve played his
role well and also found
time to come up front to
score goals — which was
indeed a bonus to his
coach.

The other defensive
midfielder and general
factotum is Jim Cant who
is a willing workhorse and
a fine player.

Cant has perfected
the destructive mid-
field role and is indeed

a very handy man to have
around at all times.

John O'Shea is also an
adept hand in the de-
fensive midfield de-
partment and has the
consistency factor ab-
out his play.

For my money all the
above midfielders are the
ones who can make it
all happen for the Soc-
ceroos over the next
crucial 18 months.

They have already de-
monstrated they are the
correct blend to
bring the desired
success.

And with coach Arok
cracking the whip and de-
manding the ultimate,
they are the men who
will lay the foundations
for success, with the
sweat of their brows and
their undoubted foot-
ball talent.



JIMMY PATIKAS (white shirt) takes on David Ratcliffe.

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KERRY CABAN (Leichhardt)

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LEADERS STRUGGLE IN YOUTH LEAGUE

THERE were plenty of upsets in the National Youth League when the more fancied sides struggled against lower opposition.

AIS consolidated their position at the top with a solid away win over Penrith, but top sides Leichhardt, Newcastle and Melita all had trouble in gathering points.

BY PETER RUSSELL

Newcastle won by a solitary goal over Blacktown, Leichhardt struggled to equalise two minutes into injury time to draw 4-4 with the unlucky St George side, and Melita also had trouble drawing with Marconi 1-1.

Bottom sides Croatia and Wollongong both had victories over Sydney City and Sydney Olympic respectively.

Penrith, poised near the bottom of the League, had two opportunities to gain valuable points, but found the ACT teams too much to handle.

Both the Canberra sides were sitting in the top five and the Arrows had little trouble in disposing of Penrith 2-1.

On Sunday it was a different story when the Institute boys had to travel for their encounter. Bourke and Hristodilou were the scorers for AIS in their 2-0 win that cemented top spot with two matches in hand.

A hat-trick to Chris Polias still was not enough to give St George a much-needed victory against a Leichhardt side desperate to keep in touch with the leaders.

In a see-sawing match, Jaffar opened the scoring in the 17th minute for the Strikers only for Polias to equalise in the 40th.

Three minutes before the break, however, Mai put Leichhardt in front.

Leichhardt at one stage went ahead 3-1 but it was then that the undaunted Polias com-



TONY CORRADINI, a scorer for Wollongong, pleted his hat-trick to even the scores.

Then it was up to John Svynos to convert three minutes from time and end what appeared to have been a great comeback. Frank Speranza came to Leichhardt's aid two minutes into injury time to give what was a fair result for an entertaining game.

Marconi drew 1-1 with Melita in a dour encounter at Bossley Park. There was no score at half-time but Len Vial scored first for Melita five minutes after the break and Foster equalised five minutes later to give both sides a point which they badly needed.

Newcastle remained in second position after knocking off a disappointing Blacktown 1-0.

But the day belonged to the underdogs of Croatia and Wollongong, who both had to travel to earn very fine victories over tough opposition.

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SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR OFFER

BY TOM MCKAIN

A SOUTH AMERICAN club side could tour Australia next year if a former Adelaide star has his way.

Eddie Virba who came to Australia when he was 15 from Germany and is a successful coach in South America, is on a quick return visit to Australia and is interested in bringing a side here.

The 45-year-old West German-trained coach who played for Beograd then Juventus in SA in the late 1950s, will contact officials while he is in Adelaide and Sydney.

"I have taken teams for end-of-season tours to Europe, and last year I thought we could easily return to South America via Australia some time in the November period," he said.

"It need not be a full-scale tour.

"Perhaps only two or three matches, but it is something I would like to do, and it would give Australia another style of Soccer to match itself against."

Wollongong also belied their opposition at the bottom with a thrilling victory over Olympic.

Servas opened the scoring in the sixth minute with a great shot that crashed into the corner. Rogers replied for the Wolves with an equally good shot that left keeper Peter Wilson stranded.

Alex Koussas gave Olympic a half-time lead with a goal set up by his brother Mark in the 25th minute.

Tony Corradini netted twice to put Wollongong ahead. Stauropolous equalised but Earl Canvin scored the deserved winner from the spot to give Wollongong the spoils from a highly entertaining match.

Virba was last in Australia in 1978.

During his stints in South America he has been in charge of the Bolivian national team, helped build the Mexican squad for the World Youth Cup which was played here in 1981, and

has coached in Paraguay. He has also coached Francana on the club scene, and pointed out that he seldom stayed with a club more than two years.

Virba said the main problem he faced in South America was in persuading players to accept discipline.

"Needless to say all the talent is there, but you have to harness this raw flair into some sort of system, and at the same time not stifle the brilliant individualists," he said.

"It is a fascinating business, and a fascinating country."

So fascinating, apparently, that we are not likely to see Virba back in Australia in the near future — unless he comes with that team on tour.

A REQUEST

Being an avid reader of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and a mad Soccer player and follower, I was wondering if you know where I could find the English programme for season commencing Aug '84.

I am contemplating writing to England but this may take ages and I might not even get a reply and SHOOT is at least 2-3 months behind before it gets to Australia.

MATTHEW HARDES,
Wallsend

PS: I want to plan my holidays (going to England) to watch Soccer, in particular Nottm Forest, Liverpool, Man Utd and Watford.

EDITOR'S NOTE: When we receive the fixture list, it should be possible to let you have a copy, but please be patient. The other alternative is, as you say, for you to write to England.

JOE GOES CLOSE TO QUITTING

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE CITY coach Joe Gilroy came within 11 minutes of resigning when his team played Parramatta Melita at Spencer Park a week ago.

Gilroy, who took over from Jim Hermiston as the City coach at the beginning of the year, had written resignation in his coat pocket which he intended to submit to the club's directors if the team had lost.

But the Gladiators won the match 2-1 thanks to a second half goal from substitute Frank Mengotti and Gilroy abandoned any thoughts of resigning.

It had only been a matter of principle that had prompted Gilroy to write his resignation the night before.

"I believe a coach should never lose three games in a row and I have stuck by that principle throughout my coaching career."

"I would not want it to appear that I was deserting a sinking ship, but a loss today would have been the third and for the sake of the team it would have been time for me to say I could do more," Gilroy said.

Gilroy's near-resignation came only two weeks after City secretary, Mr John Ponturo, had offered the former Lions coach the 1985 position at Spencer Park. Gilroy still has not accepted the offer.

"Coaching is a day by day thing and I will make a decision on next year when the time is right."

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SAD DAY

I WOULD like to make a comment on the July 17 issue of ASW.

It is a sad day for Soccer when some clubs cannot take a decision by the ref without threatening him with physical or verbal abuse.

Such behaviour should not be tolerated.

Clubs and individuals involved in such behaviour should be barred from playing or participating in Soccer, including a ban on watching the game as they are a threat, not only to the ref, but to the code.

We can no longer afford any more bad publicity.

It's a struggle just to compete with the other three football codes. I am sure I would not like to ref a match where I felt threatened. They make mistakes, of course. They are not perfect.

In the Soccer league that I play in, South Burnett Association, all clubs accept decisions the refs make.

Clubs invite the referee for a drink after a game — we are all one happy family.

P. RAVNIK,
Yarraman, Qld.

NO COMPARISON

ASW July 24 carried a story on the front page that stated: "Queensland's two NSL clubs do NOT want to play in the Sydney-based conference in 1985."

A look at the two tables in the same issue shows that Brisbane City and Lions have got good sense. Canberra Arrows must wish they played in the National Conference as well. Again looking at the tables, South Melbourne is the only team in the other league who have scored more goals than the Arrows, and that was only with the help at the score they got against Newcastle. Points-wise, Footscray are fifth in the National, with 11 goals less than the Arrows, but they have the same number of points.

If consideration is given to the fact that the Arrows have beaten both the top and third teams, Heidelberg's time comes on Sept 23. The two Brisbane clubs position in relation to clubs on the same footing in the Australian Conference is as phoney as a \$4 bill.

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PSYCHE-UP WORKS FOR THE LIONS

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS enlisted the aid of a sports psychologist when they broke their two-year away win drought with a victory over Blacktown.

Lions had not won a match outside of Brisbane since August 1982 until they beat the Demons 4-3.

But the team had finished their last training session before that match ready to take on even Liverpool.

The psychologist, who also works with champion Queensland Rugby League side Wynnum-Manly (home of Test stars Wally Lewis and Gene Miles), used videos, tape recordings and verbal encouragement to convince the Lions players they were champions.

He showed the team highlights of the club's 1981 Philips Cup final win and even had a few tips for coach Gordon Arrowsmith.

"He was accepted very well by the players and I guess the result was the proof of the pudding. I will be talking it over with club directors but I would say on the strength of his first-up effort we could call him in again for the big games," Arrowsmith said.

Lions' next big target could be to record a victory in Melbourne. The Brisbane side has taken two points home from the Southern capital only once in nearly eight years of the National competition.

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NOW FOR THE ITALIAN JOB

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA LEICHHARDT takes on Marconi next Sunday at Henson Park in what is being billed as "The Italian Job."

This promises to be an action-packed battle between the two Italian "cousins."

Surely no other clubs in Australia can produce the rivalry that has ALWAYS existed between Apia and Marconi.

A galaxy of stars will be on display. Arno Bertogna, Peter Tredinnick, Terry Butler, Mark Jankovics, Bruce James, Tony Henderson, Johnny Bradley, David Lowe, Peter Sharne, Tommy McCulloch and Craig Mason are but a few.

For Bottalico, Apia's coach, has a goalkeeper problem with both his top-liners on the injured list.

First choice, Bobby Parks, has missed the last two matches, with stitches in a cut to

his hand. The stitches broke away last Friday night at a training session.

Stand-in goalkeeper, Bobby Catlin, injured his right shoulder last Sunday when he collided with St George winger, Robbie Slater.

Catlin now is also in doubt for next Sunday.

Marconi in this department, has a definite edge, having Australia's most underrated goalkeeper, reliable Bruce James. James is long overdue for Australian selection.

Apia, second on the ladder, lead Marconi who are in fourth place with 22 points, three behind Apia.

Apia have scored 32 goals this season, eight fewer than Marconi, but have conceded only 21 goals in 19 games, three fewer than their Sunday opponents.

Bottalico is desperately chasing every point as he has set his sights on the NSL title.

Sydney City, the leaders, dropped a point last Sunday to Sydney Croatia, while Leichhardt grabbed both points in the last seconds against St George.

Bottalico's men now trail the leaders by five points, whilst Marconi will be fighting very hard to remain in the top-four.

CRAIG JOHNSTON HERE

(from Page One)

When I asked how Liverpool felt about his unprecedented absence — which means Johnston is unavailable for European Cup matches as well as the domestic games — Craig said: "I have been talking on the phone to the boss (Joe Fagan) and he appeared sympathetic about my reasons for staying here."

The new Football League season kicks off on August 25. Before that, Liverpool play Everton in the Charity Shield at Wembley. They also play Lech Poznan of Poland in the European Cup (Liverpool are holders) on September 19.

And while all this hectic activity is going on, Craig Johnston will be enjoying a self-inflicted absence from the action, resting at his parents' home in Northern NSW.

Johnston has been offered a new three-year contract by Liverpool at huge money; he is also attracting keen attention from Manchester United and Spurs.

Right now, though, his mind is on other things ... mainly the birth of a baby.

FOOTNOTE: Any local clubs which might have plans to use Johnston as a "guest" can forget it. "I'm not going to play Soccer," he told me.

DOUBLE

FOR

ITALY?

ITALY is bidding for the big Soccer "double" in Los Angeles.

Having won the World Cup in Spain two years ago, the Italians now have a great chance to carry off the Olympic Games title as well.

They were the first team to qualify for the semi-finals of the Olympic tournament when they beat Chile 1-0 in a quarter final played at Stanford Stadium, Palo Alto, California.

The other quarter final being played on Monday (AEST time) was between France and Egypt.

The remaining two quarter finals, due to be decided 24 hours later, are between Brazil and Cameroon at Palo Alto and Yugoslavia and West Germany at Pasadena.

If Italy does win the Olympic gold medal it will be the first time a western nation, fielding professional players, has been crowned Olympic champions.

For years, of course, Olympic football has been dominated by teams containing "full-time semi-amateurs" from Europe's communist countries.

But the mass withdrawal this year of eastern European teams has given the west a chance of Olympic glory!

MARCONI

REUNION

PLANNED

CLUB MARCONI are organising a gigantic players and officials reunion night to be held at the club on Wednesday, September 19.

The Marconi Soccer Committee, in conjunction with the Marconi Supporters' Club, have started work in tracking down players and officials who were connected with Marconi since 1961.

The club request that all ex-players and officials contact Marconi's secretary-manager Keith Charles, Joe Morizzi or Livio Sartoretto at Club Marconi on 610 2222, in order to finalise a full guest list.



This will be a marvellous night for all ex-players and officials of Marconi to get together and reminisce the old days as well giving today's players and supporters the chance to meet them.

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— JOHN ECONOMOS

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LUCK FAVOURS INTER-MONARO.

INTER-MONARO were lucky to escape with both points in defeating Bankstown-National 1-0 at Jensen Oval.

In the 50th minute Bankstown striker Wally Apianian broke clear of the Monaro defence to score but in a controversial referring decision his goal was disallowed.

Monaro looked well in control during the opening exchanges. In the 19th minute Baz Giampaolo scored the winning goal with a crashing drive after Walter Valeri provided the lead-up.

Bankstown forced their way back into the game and constantly troubled the Monaro defence. Experienced Monaro defender Angelo Ambrosino was sent from the field in the 70th minute after having earlier received a yellow card.

Monaro face a few worrying injury problems for their "championship decider" against Rockdale-Ilinden at home next weekend.

Ambrosino faces possible

suspension; Montoresso is carrying a shoulder injury; Giampaolo is still troubled by a knee complaint and Tony Brennan is also injured.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Agostino, Ismael, Blackburn, Cootes (Furness 60), Kennedy, Dolton, Pavella (Hassan 54), El Husseini, Parker, Apianian.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Domazetovich, Francis, Santolin, Ambrosino, Wilcox, Monterosso (Brennan 56), Farrell, Colbertaldo (Wilke 65), Valeri, Giampaolo.

Admittedly, Auburn were unlucky not to score in the first half. Attempts by Chris Townson and Ray Carney were cleared off the Warringah goal line. In the 50th minute a shot from Auburn defender Mike Kelly hit the post.

But the visitors were more hungry for victory and their persistence paid off in the 80th minute when a Warringah shot was parried by Auburn goalie Carlos Rosano but Ken Sorge followed through to score.

AUBURN: Rosano, Geekie, Watt, Planinic, Kelly, Knight, Akoutas, Partitt, O'Shane (McDermid 61), Carney, Townson (Jones 87).

BAZ GIAMPAOLO

JIM WEBBER bounced back on the scoring trail netting two goals in Sutherland's 4-2 win over Polonia at Seymour Shaw Park.

WARRINGAH - Narrabeen recorded one of their best wins of the season defeating highly-placed rivals Auburn-Uruguay 1-0 away at Mona Park.

Webber set Sutherland on the path of victory scoring his team's first two goals in the 19th and 25th minutes.

Six minutes before the break, Brian Gray pushed the score to 3-0 and experienced defender Vic Dal Forno made it 4-0 in the 60th minute.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Hesford, Nelson, Schumann, Dal Forno, Webber, Rogers, Stoddard, Groomer (Harrington 85), Gray, Hargraves.

POLONIA: Barker, Devani, Pratt, Galas, Fogarty, Kowalczyk, Lumsdaine, Van Der Berg (Rasmussen 64), Sobczyk, Owczarek, Juchniewicz.

CANTERBURY - MARRICKVILLE: Konitsis, Antonopoulos, Laws, Efthamidis, Titilas, Hantzis, Petras (60 Andreou), Anagnostopoulos, Hall, Dounnis, Vasilou.

the issue in the 87th minute following good build-up work from Pagano and Leak. Once again Pagano provided the lead-up for Panes to score seconds later.

MANLY: Conradi, Pioud (45 Holloway — 70 Juergens), Pierce, J Dick, Williamson, Jones, Steven, Leak, Panes, Pagano, Stuart.

CANTERBURY - MARRICKVILLE: Konitsis, Antonopoulos, Laws, Efthamidis, Titilas, Hantzis, Petras (60 Andreou), Anagnostopoulos, Hall, Dounnis, Vasilou.

"IT was a tough game for us — Ku-ring-gai are a strong side," said Rockdale coach Ilya Takac after witnessing his team's 3-1 victory over the Chasers at Hurstville Oval.

Ku-ring-gai, who have been in fine form in recent weeks, had nothing to lose in this encounter and were very unlucky not to score.

Bobby Pagano, playing in the front line, put Manly ahead after 10 minutes and then the Berries continually pressured looking for the equaliser.

It was Panes who sealed

Fixtures results

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION
 Avala v SSC Yugal 0-0 23 1-0
 Manly Warringah v Carr. M'ville Oly 3-0 3-0 2-0
 Auburn v Warringah N'been 0-1 6-0 2-0
 Sutherland Shire v Polonia 4-2 2-0 1-0
 Rockdale Ilinden v Ku-ring-gai 3-1 0-6 2-1
 B'stwn National v Inter Monaro 0-1 0-1

2nd DIVISION
 Bathurst '75 v Penrith United 1-1 1-1 0-1
 Revesby Workers v Dee Why Swans 1-1 2-0 1-4
 Uni. of NSW v Nth Bankstown 13 0-4 1-3
 Blacktown United v Giville Ilinden 3-2 2-0 1-1
 Belmore v Wgong Mac 1-2 1-2 7-0
 Parram. City v Armaron 2-4 1-2 0-2
 Revesby Workers v Bathurst '75 0-0 3-0 1-3

3rd DIVISION
 Kingsford v Queens Park E/S 0-4 1-1 1-1
 Mt Drift Town v Lane Cove United 0-3 8-1
 Bondi Marine v Port Hacking 2-0 3-1 2-0
 Baulkham Hills v Moorsbank L'pool 2-3 0-0 3-0
 Crows Nest v CSI-Schofields 5-0 2-0 6-0
 Nth Ryde Amateur v King Tomislav 0-2 3-0 3-2
 Pt Hacking v Lane Cove Utd 2-0 15-1
 Pt Hacking v Mt Drift 1-1

INTER URBAN 1st DIVISION
 Maroubra United v Sydney Uni. 0-2 2-1
 Wenty Waratahs v H'ville Zagreb 1-2 2-1

Padstow Park v Rooty Hill 2-2 0-0
 Eastwood S/A v Fairfield Kiev 4-4 5-1
 Spanish Club v Nineveh Eagles 2-3 2-0
 Crows Nest v Wetherill Park 1-1 2-4

2nd DIVISION
 Chile Sports v Macarthur United 1-0 0-1
 Concordia v Chelsea 2-4 1-4
 West United v Sydney Macca's 3-1 3-1
 Hawkesbury Dist v Macquarie Uni. 1-0 1-1
 Tras Sports v West St. George 0-0 0-2
 Pagewood v Green Valley Utd 1-0 4-1

3rd DIVISION
 Rosebery v M F Rangs 4-1 2-2
 H'field B/D's v Nepean Rovers abd 4-2
 Rangers Hajduk v B'lawn Wanderers 0-3 0-2
 Robins v S'field Hotspur 3-1 3-1
 L'pool City v Dulwich Hill 1-3 1-0

4th DIVISION
 Argent. Lid/Utd v L'vale United 1-3 2-2
 B'lawn Workers v Welcome Sports 1-1 2-1
 L'pool Rangers v Concord Juniors 0-1 2-4
 Hellas Poseidon v Colo Colo 0-4 2-6
 Jedisivo Utd v L'g'ow Workmen 1-2 1-3

5th DIVISION
 Greenisland v Santiago Wand 18-1 5-2
 Mac Yagoona v Calabria 3-1 1-2
 P'sham Lusitanos v Crescent Star 1-1 2-3
 Field Athleti v Abruzzi 2-4 1-0
 L'ham Croatia v Sana Souci 5-0 2-0

Neale Williamson scored Ku-ring-gai's consolation goal in the 40th minute.

Takac faces a difficult game next weekend. Rockdale travel to Canberra to play league leaders Inter-Monaro.

"This is the match which will decide the championship. We must show character."

"I'm sure the team will do their job and come up with the goods," Takac said.

ROCKDALE: Smith, Deigney, D. Wilson, Pilovski, G. Wilson, Jones, Nastevski, Brown, Stavenski, Trajanovski, Karanfilovski

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice, Bennett, Jessie, Bertram (Ings 70), Watson, Quigley, Bourke, N. Williamson, Jeffery, Tracey.

Premier league status is by invitation only and it has a lot to do with a club's ground, facilities and financial situation.

Coniston have had a shocking season after losing 13 first grade players to other clubs and must finish in last place.

If the ISA decides they can't afford to lose a club such as Coniston, the big question will be who gets the axe?

Is it any wonder a man of desperation will come in to the last few games as clubs without the right credentials try to get far up the table as they

ROBERT BANKS just refuses to give up.

The Bellambi veteran had been playing reserve grade recently and some people thought he had played his last game in Premier League.

Banks obviously thought different and when Robert Chipperfield was injured for the Cringila game recently, coach Tony Gill called the "warhorse" back in to action.

As always, Banks responded to the challenge and scored a hat-trick in Bellambi's 6-1 win.

ARIS BID FAILS

ILLAWARRA first division club Aris have failed in a bid to sign talented midfielder Tony Charnock for the rest of the season.

The ISA refused Aris permission to sign Charnock because the transfer deadline of June 30 had passed. Aris coach Robert Fryer claimed Charnock should have been exempt from the deadline because he hasn't played with any other club this year.

By PHIL MURPHY

Charnock took a rest from Soccer to concentrate on his university studies and would have been a big asset to the Aris side.

The former Illawarra Player of the Year was last on Fairy Meadow's books, but since went out on loan to Coniston and Cronulla.

FAIRY MEADOW reserve and third grade coach Tony McDonald is a lot older and a lot fitter than most of his players.

McDonald runs every day and ran home his team's recent game against Belmore — a

"jog" of about 20 kilometres — from Wollongong to Shellharbour.

A former leading Illawarra referee, McDonald runs in all the major fun-runs around Wollongong and recently took part in the Canberra Nike

gong Macedonia but he is still keen to be involved in Soccer again next season. Ahbolt is back playing again on the South High-

He lives at Wilton and has teamed up with several of his former teammates from his Bulli days.

They play with Picton and are doing quite well.

Among the former Bulli players are Geoff Potter, Oscar Doherty and Ashbolt's brother, Nonie.

WITH a recent important round of premier league games being washed out, Illawarra officials will now have to use the vacant weekend they kept for the week before their semi-finals.

With the fight for the premiership and semi-final spots so close, this round now becomes really important.

The two key games are West-Figtree v Fernhill and Bellambi v Bulli, and it could be a case of clubs sending out runners for progress scores that day.

THE relegation issue is looming once again in the premier league with Coniston on the bottom but still hoping to stay up.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION PRESENTS TOP ACTION SOCCER DIVISION 1

SATURDAY AUGUST 11: Warringah v Sutherland Narrabeen Fitness Camp

SUNDAY AUGUST 12: Bankstown-National v Manly Canterbury-Marrickville v Avala Yugal v Auburn Polonia v Ku-ring-gai Inter-Monaro v L'vale

Jensen Oval
Arlington Oval
Fraser Park
Chopin Park
Marco Polo Oval

DIVISION 2
 SATURDAY AUGUST 11: Penrith Utd v Blacktown Utd - Cook Pk
 Armaron v Revesby Workers - Armaron Reserve
 SUNDAY AUGUST 12: Nth Bankstown v Parramatta City - Potts Pk Gladesville Hwy v Uni. of NSW - Pioneer Pk Wgong Mac v Bathurst - Berkley Spots Grid Dee Why v Fairy Meadow - Cromer Pk

DIVISION 3
 SATURDAY AUGUST 11: Kingsford v Moorebank - Prince Henry Oval King Tomislav v Lane Cove - King Tomislav Pk Bondi Marine v Mt Drift - Waverley Oval SUNDAY AUGUST 12: Pt Hacking v Baulkham Hills - Seymour Shaw CSI v Nth Ryde - Schofields Pk Queens Pk v Crows Nest Erikinhove Oval North Ryde v King Tom - Waterloo Pk

NEXT WEEK
DIVISION 1
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18: Rockdale v Polonia
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19: Manly v Inter-Monaro
 Avala v Bankstown-National
 Auburn v Canterbury-Marrickville
 Yugal v Sutherland
 Ku-ring-gai v Warringah

Hurstville Oval
Cromer Park
Knight Park
Mona Vale
Fraser Park
Parklands Oval

DIVISION 2
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 18: Revesby Wks v Nth Bankstown Milperra Reserve
 Blacktown Utd v Wgong Mac Francis Park SUNDAY, AUGUST 19: Parram. City v Glades-Hwy Garside Park Uni. of NSW v Penrith Utd Little Bay Oval Bathurst '75 v Belmore Proctor Park Fairy Meadow v Armaron Criminal Mem Pk Nth Bankstown v Revesby Wks Potts Pk

DIVISION 3
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 18: Bondi Marine v Baulkham Hills Waverley Oval Kingsford v Pt Hacking Prince Henry Oval SUNDAY, AUGUST 19: Crows Nest v Moorebank Unsworth Park Nth Ryde v Queens Park Waterloo Park Lane Cove Utd v CSI Pottery Green Mt Drift v King Tomislav Poppendetta Park SUNDAY AUGUST 12: Moorebank v Bondi Marine Hammondville Pk

NSW TABLES

| DIV 1 - GDE 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|
| Monaro | 19 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 56 | 21 | 29 | | | |
| Rockdale | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 39 | 20 | 28 | | | |
| Manly | 18 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 35 | 12 | 25 | | | |
| S'Iand | 19 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 32 | 17 | 25 | | | |
| Auburn | 18 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 15 | 19 | | | |
| K'gml | 19 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 30 | 17 | | | |
| Polonia | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 19 | 27 | 15 | | | |
| C-M'vle | 19 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 37 | 15 | | | |
| Avila | 18 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 23 | 36 | 14 | | | |
| Yugal | 18 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 24 | 27 | 12 | | | |
| W'gah | 18 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 19 | 35 | 12 | | | |
| B'town | 19 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 43 | 11 | | | |

DIV 1 - GDE 2

| INTER 1 - GDE 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| East SA | 19 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 88 | 20 | 33 | | | |
| Rooty H | 18 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 58 | 14 | 28 | | | |
| Weth Pt | 18 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 35 | 16 | 26 | | | |
| Sydney Uni | 19 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 37 | 25 | 20 | | | |
| Pad Pt | 18 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 32 | 20 | 19 | | | |
| Wanty W | 17 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 23 | 29 | 18 | | | |
| Spanish | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 25 | 29 | 16 | | | |
| Mar'bri | 19 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 24 | 42 | 16 | | | |
| C'twn G | 18 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 23 | 34 | 14 | | | |
| Nilveen | 16 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 30 | 46 | 12 | | | |
| Hurst Z | 17 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 19 | 36 | 9 | | | |
| Fair Klev | 18 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 19 | 80 | 4 | | | |

DIV 1 - GDE 3

| INTER 2 - GDE 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Mec Utd | 18 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 38 | 20 | 24 | | | |
| West St G | 18 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 41 | 27 | 24 | | | |
| Macq Uni | 19 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 22 | 22 | | | |
| Chester | 19 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 45 | 40 | 20 | | | |
| Hawks | 18 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 25 | 15 | 12 | | | |
| Chile | 18 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 23 | 17 | 10 | | | |
| C'dis | 19 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 28 | 31 | 18 | | | |
| P'wood | 19 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 21 | 20 | 18 | | | |
| Tras Spas | 18 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 28 | 25 | 17 | | | |
| Green V | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 22 | 32 | 15 | | | |
| West Utd | 19 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 25 | 37 | 8 | | | |
| Sydney Mac | 18 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 26 | 43 | 10 | | | |

DIV 2 - GDE 1

| INTER 2 - GDE 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|
| West St G | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 40 | 25 | 25 | | | |
| Macq Uni | 19 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 51 | 31 | 24 | | | |
| Hawks | 18 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 26 | 26 | 24 | | | |
| Chester | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 37 | 20 | 23 | | | |
| P'wood | 19 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 36 | 30 | 20 | | | |
| West Utd | 19 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 30 | 37 | 20 | | | |
| Tras Spas | 18 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 27 | 22 | 18 | | | |
| Mac Utd | 18 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 24 | 25 | 16 | | | |
| C'dis | 19 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 31 | 40 | 16 | | | |
| Green V | 18 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 32 | 37 | 15 | | | |
| Chile Sts | 18 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 31 | 46 | 12 | | | |
| Sydney Mac | 17 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 19 | 55 | 7 | | | |

DIV 2 - GDE 2

| INTER 3 - GDE 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Dulwich | 17 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 83 | 25 | 28 | | | |
| L'pool C | 17 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 41 | 22 | 27 | | | |
| Rosebery | 18 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 68 | 22 | 25 | | | |
| Birktn W | 18 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 41 | 28 | 23 | | | |
| Hab'field | 15 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 30 | 30 | 14 | | | |
| Rangers | 17 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 30 | 37 | 12 | | | |
| Robins | 18 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 35 | 12 | | | |
| Smithfield | 18 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 26 | 38 | 12 | | | |
| Murray F | 16 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 24 | 37 | 11 | | | |
| Chullora | 18 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 27 | 48 | 11 | | | |
| Nepean R | 18 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 51 | 5 | | | |

DIV 2 - GDE 3

| INTER 3 - GDE 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|
| Dulwich | 17 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 81 | 16 | 29 | | | |
| M Farm | 16 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 38 | 12 | 26 | | | |
| Robins | 16 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 45 | 27 | 22 | | | |
| Birktn W | 18 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 32 | 21 | 22 | | | |
| L'pool C | 17 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 27 | 25 | 21 | | | |
| Rosebery | 17 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 25 | 23 | 19 | | | |
| Rangers | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 40 | 41 | 16 | | | |
| S'thfield | 18 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 18 | 33 | 12 | | | |
| Chullora | 18 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 22 | 44 | 6 | | | |
| H'field | 18 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 21 | 51 | 5 | | | |
| Nepean R | 17 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 19 | 66 | 3 | | | |

DIV 3 - GDE 1

| INTER 4 - GDE 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Colo Colo | 16 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | | | | |

APIA'S YOUTH LEAGUE LOSS

APIA'S outstanding U16 Youth League team was unconsolable after their quarter-final loss to Olympic on penalties, 5-6 — after drawing 1-1 in their quarter-final on Saturday at Mona Park.

The team appeared to be cruising to a one-goal win when they were shocked to find a penalty awarded against them.

Then, according to an independent observer, the game apparently went well into overtime and ended at 1-1, followed by the penalty shootout.

APIA had a healthy dominance of affairs and made plenty of chances.

In an all-round team effort, skipper Anthony Parson played a fine captain's game at central midfield.

Others who caught the eye were striker Vince Speranza, stopper Sammy Zullo and sweeper Geoffrey Briggs.

QUARTER-FINALS.
MELITA STADIUM
U13: St George 1, Sydney Olympic 0
U14: Marconi 1, St George 0.
U15: Granville 1, Blacktown City 0
U16: St George 3, Granville 0

GABBIE STADIUM
U13: Nepean 3, Baulkham Hills 2
U14: Illawarra 2, Nepean 1
U15: Nepean 1, St George 0
U16: Marconi 1, Auburn 0

MONA PARK
U13: Melita 1, Canterbury Marr 0
U14: Sydney Olympic 4, Blacktown City 1
U15: Sydney Olympic 2, Southern Dist 0
U16: Sydney Olympic 1g, 6 pen., APIA 1g, 5 pen.

PUNCHBOWL OVAL
U13: Granville 3, APIA 0
U14: Sutherland 1, APIA 0
U15: APIA 4, Sutherland 2
U16: Blacktown City 2, Sutherland 0

SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
MONA PARK
U13, 10.30am: St George v Granville
U14, 12 noon: Illawarra v Sutherland

U15, 1.15pm: APIA v Granville
U16, 3pm: Blacktown City v Marconi
PUNCHBOWL OVAL
U13, 10.30am: Melita v Nepean
U14, 12 noon: Sydney Olympic v Marconi
U15, 1.15pm: Sydney Olympic v Nepean
U16, 3pm: St George v Sydney Olympic

Winners to meet in grand finals at St George Soccer Stadium on Saturday, August 18. Times: U13 2pm; U14 4pm; U15 6pm; U16 8pm.

The losers of the semi-finals will play each other

on Sunday, August 12 at Punchbowl Oval to decide Sydney No.3 to represent Sydney Branch in the State finals.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

U11 U12
Illawarra v Ku-ring-gai — 3-0
Southern Dists v Central Coast 2-0 2-0
Granville v St George 0-0 1-0

Bankstown v Canterbury 3-3 2-1
Gladesville v Nepean 1-2 1-1

Blacktown, Sutherland byes

NSW AMATEUR CUPS
U14 State Cup: Griffith 3, Winston Hills 0
U16 State Cup: Canterbury 1, Chullora 0, Richmond 5, Forbes Assn 1.
U18 State Cup: Balgowlah RSL 4, Chullora 1, Hoxton Park 4, Epping-Eastwood 3.
U21 Robertson Cup: Granville RSL 2, Revesby Lions 1, Panama RSL 1, Parkes 0.

The finals will be played at Cook Park on Sunday, August 19.

Independent Schools Firsts 2 (Fochesato, Johastone) Associated Schools Firsts 1 (Kennedy). Associated Schools Seconds 1 Independent Schools 0.



NSW Soccer Federation treasurer Charles Valentine gratefully accepts the first cheque for \$15,000 from NSW Amateur Soccer Federation president Ian Holmes. The money is a contribution to the development of Parkes.



A happy group at the presentation is left to right NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine, Charles Valentine, Ian Holmes and NSW Amateur treasurer and NSW Federation executive member George Churchward.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.

These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.



FRANK AROK AT PACIFIC CAMP

WHEN the schools holidays get underway later this month, young Soccer players converge on the grounds of Sydney University for the Pacific Soccer Camp.

National coach and Pacific Camp coach Frank Arok is pictured (right) with live-in camper Max Devecchio during the last school holidays.



COGGIN ON THE JOB



WHEN it comes to caring for injured Soccer players and their fitness, George Coggan is not in strange territory.

George was recently appointed as trainer of the Riverina side to play the national Youth team in October.

With more than 20 years experience, he began his career with the Griffith Swans Australian Football Club.

He has also assisted many sportsmen and women in various fields of sport.

He was a member of the North Sydney Bears Rugby League Club training panel in 1975.

He was sought out by many athletes in the Riverina district to heal their injuries.

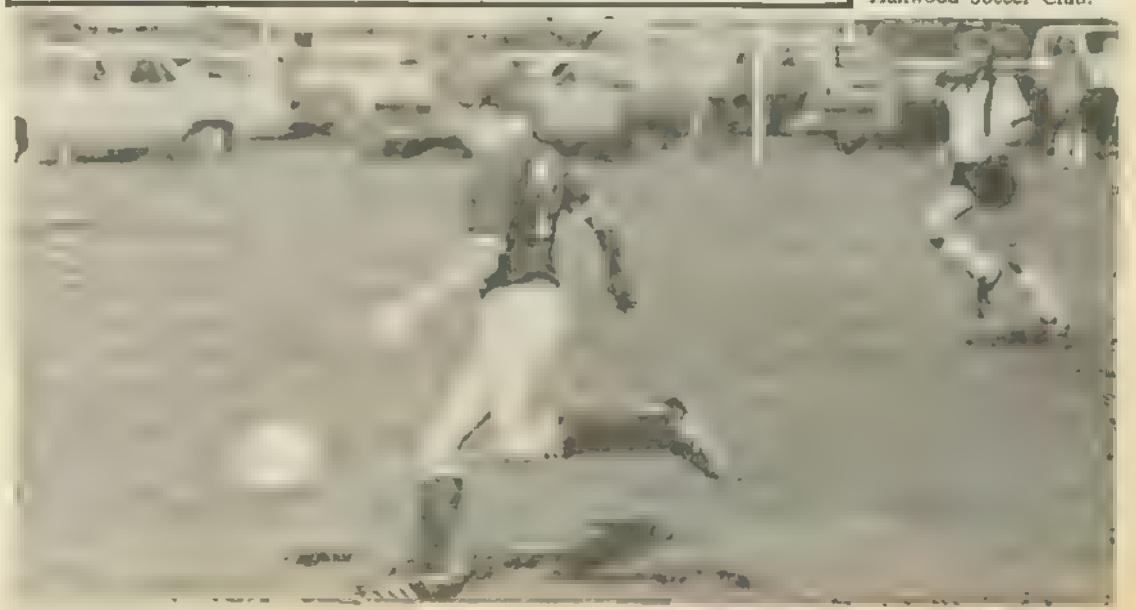
At present he is the strapper for the Hanwood Soccer Club.



Aldermen Price, Speers and Mifoud of Blacktown City Council presented this City of Blacktown flag to be flown at Mt Druitt Town's home games at Popondetta Park. The Council is upgrading the ground and the lighting. New dressing rooms and amenities will be erected at the end of the season, with further plans on the drawing board as well.



Recently the youth team of the Manurewa AFC from Auckland, New Zealand, was hosted by the Lethbridge Rangers Soccer Club in Sydney's Blacktown district. In the photograph, left to right at the end of the back row, are Blacktown City's deputy major Ald Roger Price, Ald Bob Speers and Ald Morris Mifoud, who greeted the touring side at Popondetta Park. Mt Druitt. The Blacktown City Council also laid on a civic reception for the visiting team.



Bundaberg's Andrew Grain is given plenty of space by the Maryborough defence at the Tobacco Growers carnival match.

SCOTT WATSON
School: Blakehurst (Metropolitan East)
Club: St. George
Strengths: Hard working striker who always supports the man with the ball and is often rewarded with fine goal scoring.



GEORGE HANIOTIS
School: Birrong Boys (Liverpool) Club: Sydney Olympic
Strengths: Central defender with first grade experience. Controls a defence with maturity far greater than his age.



DAVID CURLEY
School: Corrimal (Sth Coast) Club: Wollongong City Strengths: Goal keeper. One of two players from the very strong 1983 CHS team. Has matured under the guidance of Wgong City's John Frew.



BOBBAN RADEN-KOVIC
School: Cabramatta (Liverpool) Club: Melita - Eagles Strengths: A creative full-back who loves to inject himself into the attack with raids down the sideline. Very supportive.



BRIAN ELLEM
School: Asquith Boys (Nth Sydney) Club: Blacktown City Strengths: Has one of the sweetest left foot shots around. Can score with regular ease from 30 yards out, leaving many a keeper amazed.



DEAN GILCHRIST
School: Kadina (Lismore) Nth Coast Club: Goonellabah Strengths: Nickname "The Rock" because of his strong defence. Instrumental in his school's good performances in the Commonwealth Bank Cup.



RANDELL EASTHORPE
School: Penrile Hill (Metropolitan West) Club: Penrith City Strengths: Currently playing first grade with great success — has the ability to pop up anywhere on unsuspecting defences.



NSW coach GLEN POWELL has been vitally involved in producing top Australian youth players. In 1982 he coached the CHS Liverpool Region and prior to that was one of the strengths at Sydney Olympic. In 1981 he had the NSW Youth League team and the previous year the third grade.



Manager GARETH WILLIAMS is the NSW CHS Soccer convenor and is vitally involved in organising the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup and also the Ku-ring-gai Cup for girls. He organised the big State tournaments for both boys and girls and managed the NSW CHS teams of 1982/83 as well.

SELECTORS ON BALL

THE NSW Combined High Schools selectors have grouped together a strong squad for coming games.

Selected from the NSW Inter Regional Carnival, they first come up against the ACT SSA, with its strong contingent of Australian Institute of Sport players.

Then they head off for a six-match New Zealand tour where opposition will range from teams from

the National League and Rothmans Cup in Auckland and Wellington to a Combined South Island Schoolboys team in Christchurch.

The next big challenge is from five other Australian States in the Commonwealth Bank Australian Schools Championships in Hobart.

The squad had a narrow 3-4 loss to a Sydney Olympic team which included six internationals.

In another trial the team drew 1-1 with the NSW U16 team in wet conditions that are likely to be encountered in New Zealand. The NSW CHS ex-

tends its thanks to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Lever & Kitchen, Ansett Airlines, Treloar Australia Sporting Equipment, Admiral Sporting gear and St George, Marconi and Blacktown City for the use of their grounds.

PAUL FOSTER
School: Kadina (Lismore) Nth Coast Club: Goonellabah Strengths: Plays an old-style centre-forward role. Has ability to create goals for himself and unselfishly for others. Has trained with Arok's St. George team. Has tremendous potential. Player of CHS Carnival.



BELAL BARAKAT
School: Tempe (Metropolitan East) Club: Marrickville Olympic Strengths: Mid-field player whose hard working attributes make him a valuable asset to the team.



MARTIN DRIENE
School: Moorebank (Liverpool) Club: Marconi. Strengths: Another 1983 squad member. The "baby" last year — but has relished the experience of rep football.



SEAN FUDGE
School: Malvina (Nth Sydney) Club: Auburn Wanderers Strengths: Talented central defender who can turn defence into attack. Reads a game very well.



BEAU MUZIK
School: Lake Illawarra (Sth Coast) Club: Warilla Wanderers Strengths: A very calm defender who is versatile enough to play anywhere in defence and is creative enough for the midfield.



ALFREDO CARMONA
School: Ashfield Boys (Nth Sydney) Club: Marconi Strengths: Very talented youngster who has good vision in a game. He has the ability to switch play and the focus of attack.



GEOFF GUNNING
School: Moorebank (Liverpool) Club: Marconi. Strengths: Strong running player who uses his height to his advantage. Has the ability to hold the ball until support arrives.



NICHOLAS CONRADI
School: Killarney Heights (Nth Sydney) Club: Manly-Warringah Strengths: Exciting new prospect. Has the build and power to develop into a first class keeper.

REDFERN IS UNITED

REDFERN UNITED U11 has strung together 21 wins in a row.

The team plays in Southern & Eastern Association's second division and comprises boys of at least six different national backgrounds.

Support for coach Joe Bogenhuber and manager Elaine Bogenhuber comes from many parents,

including Bob and Sue Willis, Chick and Sue Murray, Andrew Panas and Stuart and Madeline McGregor.



BACK ROW: Mathew Oxenham, Byron Poulopatis, Waheed Markram, Con Panas (captain), David McGregor, Nobile Jamhour, Gordon Bogenhuber. **FRONT ROW:** Micheal Willis, Micheal Wagner, Peter Murray, Sanh Dul Lien, Tony Kim, Jeffrey Bogenhuber. **ABSENT:** Huy Hoang, Nathan Bentley, Macheiki Tzayed, Marken Mansour.

TWO FIGHT OUT TURNER CUP SYDNEY FINAL

PATRICIAN Brothers Fairfield and St Dominic's won through to the Turner Cup "Sydney final."

The former defeated Canterbury BHS 3-2 in a close game and St Dominic's edged out Northmead HS 1-0.

The final 16 schools in this premier U15 schools cup were: Richmond River (Upper North Coast), Orara (Lower North Coast), Cessnock (Newcastle), Wallsend (Newcastle), Oxley (North West), Booragul (Newcastle), Central Coast to be advised, Northmead, St Dominics, Patrician Bros Fairfield, Canterbury, Bankstown, Corrimal, Conobolas, ACT-Riverina to be advised.

The semi-finals will be played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point, on Tuesday, August 21, with the final the following night.

NEWCASTLE STATE REPS

MICK GRAHAM and **Craig Thurlow (Wallsend)** and **Tony Razmovski** and **Brendan Ryan (Mayfield United)** are young Newcastle players to win selection for Northern NSW.

The four will head off to Perth for the National U15 Championships in August/September.

The U14 side will play at the Tubemakers Oval

at Mayfield. Newcastle selections are Scott Barlie and John Knezovic (Mayfield), John Gavin, Alex Kaliunas and Ron King (Kotara) and Andy Roberts and Scott Simpson (South Wallsend).

In the U13 team for Melbourne will be Chris Jones, Scott Wells, Brett Hawgood and Jerry Richardson (Kotara), Brett Day and Shane Block (Wallsend) and Craig Jones (South Wallsend).

Included in the U12 train on squad are Brent Niszcot (Beresfield), Keirch Rochester and Daniel Burt (Kotara), Mick Johnston (Mere-wether) and Terry Russell (Wallsend).



JACK GRAY MEMORIAL

ACT Soccer Federation president Roger Grylls prepares to hand over the Jack Gray Memorial Trophy to Bob Maundrell, in charge of the NSW Country junior representative sides. NSW Country came out on top in the inaugural series against the ACT in Canberra.



FOREIGN BRIGADE

TWO Englishmen, a Scot and a German were given star billing by a Spanish Club! Barcelona held a "Presentation to the Public" day in the Nou Camp Stadium last week. The four imports pictured are (from left) head coach Terry Venables, former Spurs star Steve Archibald, Berndt Schuster and assistant coach Alan Harris.

BARCELONA PAY WELL!

STEVE ARCHIBALD, Barcelona's new signing from Tottenham Hotspur, has been guaranteed an annual signing-on fee of \$160,000 for the next three years.

He will also collect huge bonuses plus a monthly living allowance.

"My aim is simply to help Barcelona win the Spanish first division title," said Archibald after signing.

His replacement at White Hart Lane could

be Mario Kempes, the Argentinian 1978 World Cup hero, who has been given a free transfer by Valencia.

Kempes is training with Spurs and if his trial games are successful, he will join the London team.



BELGIAN GOALIE TRIALS

BELGIUM'S Under 21 goalkeeper, Peter Kerremans, is having trials with Nottingham Forest.

Forest want Kerremans to take over from Hans van Breukelen, who has been transferred to PSV Eindhoven.

Kerremans, one of Belgium's outstanding young talents, plays for the Seraing club.

DERWALL GOES TO TURKEY

TURKEY has lured West Germany's World Cup coach Jupp Derwall to a club coaching position.

Derwall will be in charge of the Galatasaray team. It seems quite a comedown for a man who was revered as one of the world's top international coaches, but the money must have been good to tempt Derwall.

FALCAO TOP MAN

WHO are the top money-earners in Italian football?

A recent survey though some experts rate him the Maradona is NOT world's greatest the highest paid player, even

Falcao (A.S. Roma) is

getting \$1,200,000 a year as opposed to Maradona's \$900,000 from Napoli.

Two other Brazilians are next in the sky-high wages list ... Socrates gets \$550,000 while Zico is on only

\$500,000! Rummennigge is paid \$450,000, followed by Platini and Junior on \$400,000.

When you look at these remarkable figures, it's interesting to note that the darling

of the Italians, Paolo Rossi, is listed as having earnings of just \$120,000. And that's less than half the money paid to his former Juventus team-mate Gentile, now with Fiorentina.

DON'T KNOCK OLYMPIC SOCCER

FIFA makes the claim that the most popular sport in the Olympic Games, in terms of spectators paying to watch, is football.

Even in the USA, a country not renowned as a Soccer giant, the crowds at the football tournament are expected to be huge.

Of course, it helps to have big stadiums. For instance, San Francisco has a capacity of 80,000 and Pasadena will hold 100,000.

While some people have been trying for years to eliminate football from the Olympic Games, the Olympic organisers have refused to listen — because they cannot afford to turn away all that lovely gate money!

This year, the qualification rules have been eased considerably, and teams from developing countries are permitted to field professionals.

Even some long-established Soccer

— remember them in Australia in the 1981 World Youth Championship — sent 10 of their 1982 World Cup players to Los Angeles.

By the way, the withdrawal of the communist countries made a big difference to the eventual outcome of the 1984 tournament.

In 1980 in Moscow, the first three places were filled by Czechoslovakia, East Germany and the Soviet Union.

All three were missing this time.



countries like Italy are allowed to pick professionals — but not if the players have appeared in the World Cup.

A nation like Cameroon

THE exhibition "World of Football — Football in the World" held in Zurich during the FIFA 80th birthday celebrations was an enormous success, attracting thousands of visitors.

Because of this success, the exhibition has now been transported across the Atlantic and is on show in

the home of football, Brazil.

The important collection of souvenirs, photos and equipment of leading



GREMIO OUT

INDEPENDIENTE of Argentina are the champion club of South America, qualifying for the Intercontinental Cup Final against England's Liverpool.

The match for the Libertadores Cup Final.

In the picture, Buffarini (Independiente), on left, attempts to sprint around Gremio's Paulo Cesar.

EXHIBITION A BIG HIT

players is on show in Rio de Janeiro.

From Brazil, it is expected to return to

Europe where the West German Football Federation is anxious to show it to the public.

STRACHAN ROW CONTINUES

GORDON STRACHAN'S transfer from Aberdeen to Manchester United is still not finalised and there are doubts that it will ever go through.

West German club Cologne are continuing their battle to sign Strachan, Scotland's top midfielder, claiming they have an agreement for him to join them and it is in writing.

If FIFA cannot sort out the mess before August 15, Strachan would be unable to play for Manchester United in early matches in the UEFA Cup.

The English club badly wants Strachan to play in those revenue-producing European



GORDON STRACHAN

matches. If he can't, the deal might be called off by United.

NORWICH WANT CHANNON BACK

THAT well-known Soccer mercenary, Mick Channon, is not fixed up for the 1984-85 season but his club Norwich City would like to re-sign the former English international.

Channon is a free agent and can pick and choose his clubs.

At 35, he is still very much a "wanted" player.

WEMBLEY UNDER THE HAMMER

WEMBLEY STADIUM is being sold. The cost is \$40,000,000 and the money is coming from a consortium of international companies.

This switch of ownership for one of the world's best-known football stadiums will

not affect the staging of the English F.A. Cup Final.

Wembley has a 20-year

agreement with the F.A. to stage the Cup Final and that agreement will be honoured by the new owners.

LIVE AND LET DIE!

THERE are grave doubts about "live" TV cover of matches in the Football League being in any way beneficial to the game in England.

Although the television people claim they are helping to increase match attendances, the evidence suggests just the opposite.

Eight of the top 10 teams in the first division showed big drops in average attendances last season. This even includes Liverpool and Manchester United.

Southampton, who finished runners-up — their highest position

since the club was formed 99 years ago — were down 15 per cent on their previous year's gates.

Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough warned Soccer a year ago that sports which go "live" finish up "dead" but few listened to him.

The clubs went along with the TV folk, because football was given payment of \$8,000,000 from television.

WELSH international midfielder Peter Nicholas is on the move again — from Crystal Palace.

Nicholas is available at \$210,000 and there are several clubs keen to buy.

Queens Park Rangers head the queue but Manchester City are also showing a lot of interest in Nicholas.

SPURS centre-half Graham Roberts has recovered from the appendix operation which caused him to be rushed home from England's South American tour.

Roberts says he should be 100 per cent fit for the start of the new season.



SWINDON SIGNS MACARI



LOU MACARI is the new player-manager of Swindon Town after a distinguished 11 year career with Manchester United.

The Scottish international, previously with Celtic, has another former Old Trafford favourite as his as-

sistant-manager at Swindon.

Harry Gregg, the goalkeeper who became a sporting hero in Northern Ireland's 1958 World Cup challenge and a real life hero at the Munich air disaster the same year, will join Swindon with Macari.

The 35 year-old Macari hopes to lift Swindon out of the fourth division in quick time.

BLOW FOR HAMMERS



ALAN DEVONSHIRE, one of England's best midfielders, has no chance of being fit for the start of the season.

The West Ham star, suffering from knee ligament trouble, has been out of action since playing against Wigan in an F.A. Cup tie last January.

Latest medical re-

GALE GOES EAST

TONY GALE, Fulham's tall defender, has joined West Ham United where he is expected to replace Billy Bonds.

Bonds wants to help the West Ham youngsters in the reserve team next season and will only be used in the first team in an emergency.

Gale was described by Fulham manager Ray Harford as "another Bobby Moore."

In fact, Gale replaced Moore in the Fulham defence when the England 1966 World Cup captain retired.

Moore, of course, won fame at West Ham. Now Gale hopes for similar success to justify the \$230,000 transfer fee paid by the Hammers.

CHIPS AT PALACE

THESE are hard days for many clubs who face a constant struggle to pay their bills.

Crystal Palace have chopped a massive \$420,000 off their wages bill.

They have also decided they cannot afford overnight hotel bills, so the team will have to do just about every trip in one day. And the players won't be given expensive meals on the long journeys — just fish and chips or something similar!

KEMPES FIRES

ARGENTINIAN Mario Kempes has been performing well in Tottenham Hotspur's pre-season games.

In the first match of their Scandinavian tour, Kempes banged home three goals as the London side beat a third division side 9-0 in Norway.

Glenn Hoddle also made a welcome return in that match and did not appear troubled by the Achilles tendon injury.

BRIGHTON chairman Mick Bamber has been forced to resign by his fellow directors.

New chairman is Bryan Bedson, a 46 year old company director.

Ron Greenwood, ex-England team manager, resigned from the Brighton board a month ago.

PRE-SEASON shock for Bristol City: midfielder Kenny Stroud walked out on the club even though he has another year to run on his contract.

Stroud is getting out of football altogether to take over a guest house.

He was brought from Newport County only seven months ago.

BEER IS BEST. That's the way some English clubs are thinking as they chase much-needed sponsors.

Derby County has just come up with sponsorship from brewers Bass-Worthington while near-neighbours Nottingham Forest will be sponsored by Skol Lager.

COMEBACK FOR RICE

SENTIMENTAL return to Highbury for a former Arsenal F.A. Cup Final star, Pat Rice.

Rice, given his release by Watford, has been appointed Arsenal's Youth team coach.

Always a great Highbury favourite, Rice brought this comment from Arsenal manager Don Howe: "Pat is the sort of personality I want at the club — he is a winner by nature."